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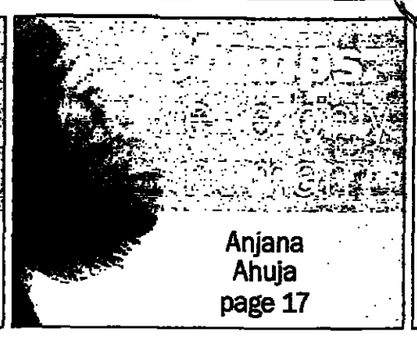
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Cook call for arms sales to be more open

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ROBIN COOK will try to give fresh impetus to his battered ethical foreign policy today when he presents a draft agreement for a European Union-wide code of practice for arms exports.

After three weeks of fending off criticism over the arms-for-Africa affair and recent disclosures that the Government has approved more than 50 military export licences for Indonesia since last May, the Foreign Secretary will attempt to put his policies back on track with a call for greater openness on weapons sales among all EU partners.

The draft agreement that he will present to fellow foreign ministers in Brussels today contains controversial clauses aimed at preventing European partners from grabbing military contracts in cases where other member states have refused export licences on moral grounds.

Mr Cook is determined that commercial rivalry should not undermine his proposed code of practice, but he is expected to face opposition from France which is less enthusiastic about total transparency when it comes to arms contracts.

Under the heading of "operative provisions", Mr Cook's code of practice would require member states to circulate through diplomatic channels details of licences which had been refused, giving full reasons. Any EU member which then decided to issue an export licence "for an essentially identical transaction" would have to consult the partners who had refused the licence and explain its reasoning.

Although Mr Cook and his French counterpart agreed the principles of a code of conduct in January, officials have since added more detail, including a greater emphasis on openness. A draft agreement is now ready and Mr Cook hopes that it will be finalised and accepted by all members by the end of next month.

Mr Cook has been keen to get the French on board because Britain and France are in the top league of arms exporters and are often rivals for the same contracts, although there are now more European collaborations.

One of Mr Cook's more controversial proposals is that a common list of military equipment should be covered by the code, including "dual-use" (military/civilian) systems "where there are grounds for believing that the end-user of such goods will be the armed forces or internal security forces or similar entities in the recipient country".

The draft agreement also suggests that it each EU country should be required to produce an annual report on its defence exports and a six-monthly report on any decisions that had involved consultations with other members about rejected licence applications.

The Foreign Secretary's ethical strategy could, however, be tested if some of the smaller EU states with limited arms exports, like Denmark, demand a blacklist of nations with poor human rights records.

Although Mr Cook's EU code mirrors the Government's code in banning arms to countries where they might be used for internal repression, British officials said that the Foreign Secretary would resist any attempt to draw up a permanent blacklist. He wanted to treat every arms export application on a case-by-case basis. France was expected to support the same policy.

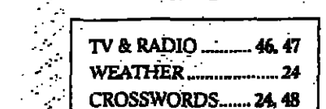
Under this approach, Britain would be able to continue justifying sales to Indonesia, in spite of the recent scenes of violent repression by the security authorities in the streets of Jakarta, using British-supplied armoured vehicles and water cannon.

One of the clauses in the draft agreement that has yet to be resolved spells out the type of equipment which might be used for "torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment, summary or arbitrary executions, disappearances, arbitrary detentions and other major violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms".

Mr Cook's EU code recognises that member states "may also take into account the effect of proposed exports on their economic, social, commercial and industrial interests", but these factors should not override the basic criteria for a harmonised policy.

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GILL ALLEN



Hero's welcome: Paul Cayard, skipper of *EF Language* leans over the rails to kiss his wife Icka after crossing the finishing line in Southampton to win the Whitebread round-the-world race. Report, page 34

Terrorists mar referendum euphoria

BY MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

EUPHORIA about the referendum results in Northern Ireland was marred yesterday as Unionist and Sinn Fein leaders clashed over disarmament and this summer's marches, while terrorist splinter groups resumed their campaign of violence.

The Pope and President Mandela of South Africa were among world leaders who praised voters north and south of the border for their overwhelming endorsements of the Good Friday peace agreement. The Pope expressed "joy over the desire for peace and reconciliation which emerged from the referendum". President Mandela hoped that Northern Ireland would become a "shining beacon of peace to the international community".

But in the Province, the main parties were already focusing on the next battle. David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist Party leader, moved to reunite his fractured party and marginalise hardline opponents of the accord in readiness for next month's elections to Northern Ireland's new assembly.

He warned Gerry Adams of Sinn Fein that he would "start his parliamentary apprenticeship on the backbenches" instead of the Cabinet unless he unequivocally declared that the IRA's "squalid, dirty little terrorist war is over" and the IRA began disarming. "The time has come for Mr Adams to deliver," he told the BBC.

But the Sinn Fein president refused to accept decommissioning as a precondition for his party sitting in Northern Ireland's new Cabinet. "I do not accept for one minute accept that those who vote for Sinn Fein will be treated any differently from anyone else," he said. The way to build trust was for Mr Trimble to start talking to him.

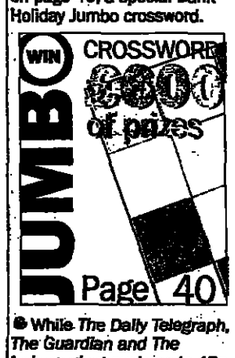
Mr Adams, who was appearing on the same programme as Mr Trimble — but not at the same time, demanded that Mr Trimble call off Drumcree and other contentious parades that could ignite sectarian conflict this summer. "Make a gesture," he

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Times reporter is held in Kosovo

FROM TOM WALKER IN DAKOVICA, KOSOVO

AFTER three hours of trying to reach the battle for Decane near Kosovo's border with Albania yesterday, I thought we had made it; we were on the Tarmac route behind the border towns of Dakovica and Pec.

Rounding the first bend, a tank was coming straight for us; the heavy, armour-plated BBC Land Rover we were in lurched to the side and ground to a halt in the verge. Soldiers surrounded us on all sides, their guns trained at our windscreen, and an irate colonel wrenched the driver's door open. Without further questions, we were turned around, and ordered to follow him to army headquarters in Dakovica. He was, he said, delighted to have had the chance to lead us to safety, away from the danger of Albanian terrorists. We then had three hours of lectures and inspections of tapes, films and telephones. "All war is dirty and this one is no different," said the chief, offering us copious quantities of raki. "But we will be finished with it soon."



Tom Walker: held for three hours

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British hostage shot dead in Cambodia

BY JOANNA BALE

THE family of the British mine clearance expert Christopher Howes was told yesterday that he had been shot dead shortly after being seized by Khmer Rouge guerrillas in Cambodia two years ago.

Scotland Yard detectives investigating his disappearance had found "firm evidence" of his murder for the first time, the Foreign Office confirmed yesterday. The news was broken by telephone to Mr Howes's parents at their home in Backwell, near Bristol, by the head of counter-terrorism.

Mr Howes said: "We are enormously shocked and saddened, but we are very proud of our son and his remarkable bravery and honour in not leaving his people." He was referring to his son's decision not to accept his kidnappers' offer of freedom, but to remain in captivity with his Cambodian interpreter Houn Hourth.

Mr Howes added: "Christopher did marvellous work. He was a brave man and in his short life he probably achieved more than most of us will achieve. The leaders of the Khmer Rouge are not real people. They are vulgar and evil: the Hitlers and the Stalins of the Far East."

The Foreign Office minister Baroness Symons said: "Christopher Howes was working selflessly in Cambodia to save lives. The example he set was a shining one to us all."

Nget Rim, a Khmer Rouge security official who witnessed the killing, told detectives last weekend that Mr Howes had been taken to Anlong Veng, where he was questioned and signed a statement. He was then shot in the back without warning as he ate a piece of fruit. He died instantly and his body was burnt.

Esquire

"I was in the play at infant school – I was a giant mouse in *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.*"
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Gazza: ghosts, guilt and his ultimate goal

BY PHILIP DELVES BROUGHTON

WORRYING news for England's World Cup hopes: Paul Gascoigne is unhappy — and his last kebab is not to blame. He is also deeply superstitious, has been attacked by a ghost, feels terrible about beating his wife and would like a career in football management.

After the disclosure that England's talismanic midfielder was warming up for the World Cup with drinking binges, 20 cigarettes a day and doner kebabs, he admits in an interview in The Times that celebrity life has not compensated for the loss of his peace of mind.

In conversation with his friend Danny Baker, Gascoigne is asked whether he is happy with himself. "Not really, no," says happy playing and fishing. I'd hoy all the medals I've ever won into the lake if it meant I could catch a salmon."

The thought of stopping playing football "terrifies" him, but he does "fancy managing". "I know everyone won't take that seriously," he says, "but, in football, it don't matter how serious you are, how clever you might be. If you can get the players to play for you. . .you're three-quarters of the way there."

On superstition, Gascoigne admits an obsession with numbers. He will go onto a football pitch only if he is fifth or eighth in line; he prays on aeroplanes; tears ticket stubs in two, and reads only the last line of his horoscope.

Ghosts, too, have rattled his already fragile mental state. He says he was once he woke to find himself being pushed down into his bed. Raising his head, he saw the ghost of a man holding a dead fox in each hand.

The sorry denouement of his marriage still depresses Gascoigne. The numerous counsellors he saw after he attacked his wife, Sheryl, were of little use. He says: "I'm not the only man who's ever done it, but I'm the only Paul Gascoigne and that's worse. It was the worst thing I have ever actually done. Worst thing by a long, long way. Nothing helps it." Despite his divorce, he still hopes for a reconciliation.

Fortunately for England's fans, Gascoigne is still driven by the dream of hoisting the World Cup, saying: "That's a high for all your life."



"It's the new manager. He likes to play six up front"

Parties hit assembly campaign trail

Martin Fletcher on how the referendum allies are returning to rivalry for votes

LESS than a day after the referendum campaign reached its conclusion, a fresh hunt for votes was under way in Northern Ireland yesterday. After six weeks in which republican, nationalist, Unionist and loyalist parties campaigned in support of a common cause, they will spend the next month competing furiously for support in the election of the new assembly.

The most crucial battle is between David Trimble's Ulster Unionist Party and Unionist opponents of the accord, led by the Rev Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party. Were the opponents to win most seats, they could render the assembly unworkable, because it can take decisions only with substantial support from both traditions. Dr Paisley declared: "We're going to get to the assembly to save the Union."

There will also be an intense battle between Sinn Fein and John Hume's SDLP, which is battling to remain nationalism's largest party. The election will use the single transferable vote system, and it is a sign of these remarkable times that officials have floated the idea of UUP and SDLP supporters making each others' candidates their second choice to bolster the centre ground.

"It won't simply be a sectarian vote any more," said John Taylor, the UUP deputy leader. "It will be people deciding who are the positive candidates." Seamus Mallon, the SDLP's deputy leader, said: "We will be asking people to give transfers to pro-agreement parties depending on the complexion of the constituency. It could be we will be asking people to transfer votes to Ulster Unionists."

The "United Unionist" opposition claims that it won roughly half the Protestant vote on Friday. It argues that the Yes camp will be unable to turn out its traditionally apathetic supporters in such numbers again, and that some Unionists will transfer their support as an insurance policy. Other events, such as fresh republican violence or sectarian clashes at an Orange Order parade, could also play into the opposition's hands.

But the sheer size of the overall majority appeared to have given Mr Trimble a significant advantage. Jeffrey Donaldson, the most influential of the six UUP MPs who opposed the accord, led much of the "soft No" faction back into the fold when he said that he accepted the verdict and wanted to play a constructive role in the assembly. Rebel MPs will not be able to stand as UUP candidates because the party leadership will deny them the special dispensation MPs require to stand for other offices. Mr Trimble strongly suggested that other opponents of the accord would be barred from standing as UUP candidates because party rules say that all candidates for office have to support party policy.

William Thompson, the dissident UUP MP for West Tyrone, may stand for the assembly as an Independent, but by the time the UUP's 18 constituency associations have chosen their candidates this week the party is likely to look surprisingly united.

On the nationalist side, polls suggest that John Hume' SDLP has won most of the credit for the peace accord, but Sinn Fein is better organised and will claim that it has fought harder for nationalist rights. It will present the assembly as a stepping stone to Irish unity and not an end in itself.

Based on Friday's vote, the UUP could expect to win about 31 of the assembly's 108 seats, with five for its allies in the loyalist Progressive Unionist Party. Dr Paisley's DUP would win 16, the SDLP 32 and Sinn Fein 15. The centrist Alliance Party and other small groupings would win nine. The assembly will establish committees to scrutinise Northern Ireland's Civil Service departments, and there will be a Cabinet-style executive with a First Minister, a Deputy First Minister from the other tradition, and up to ten other members. Mr Trimble is likely to be First Minister and Mr Hume Deputy First Minister, unless he chooses to pass the baton to Seamus Mallon, his deputy. Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness could also expect executive seats unless the arms-decommissioning issue proves insuperable.

The assembly will operate on a "shadow" basis until next February. During that period, it must set up the north-south ministerial council with its implementation bodies so that the institutions begin work simultaneously. Northern Ireland's first power-sharing administration since the Sunningdale government collapsed in 1974 will have powers to legislate, but not to raise taxes. It is likely to sit in the Stormont Parliament Buildings, though that has not been finally decided. Its members will be paid £36,000 a year, but Sinn Fein's will have to surrender their salaries to the party.

Leaders revel in new role as heroes

BY MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

POLITICIANS in Northern Ireland basked at the weekend in a thoroughly unaccustomed role — that of heroes.

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, was cheered as she entered a packed press conference on Saturday afternoon after the referendum result was announced. It was the best day of her political career, she said.

John Hume, the leader of the nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party, who had lured Sinn Fein to the negotiating table, was all but hoisted aloft by rapturous supporters as he left the count in Belfast to celebrate in a nearby pub.

But the man of the moment was unquestionably David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist Party leader who had, against all odds and expectations, achieved an historic accommodation with nationalism of a sort that had eluded all his predecessors. Indeed two, Terence O'Neill and Brian Faulkner, were destroyed in the attempt. For the cerebral, 53-year-old former law lecturer and MP for Upper Bann, the Province's overwhelming endorsement of the Good Friday agreement represented the culmination of an extraordinary political journey.

As a young man, Mr Trimble supported the strike by loyalist workers that destroyed Northern Ireland's last power-sharing executive in 1974 and brought down Mr Faulkner. He joined Vanguard, a hard-right Unionist group led by William Craig. In 1978 he transferred to the more mainstream UUP, rose through the ranks and won the leadership after championing Drumcree's Orangemen in 1995 and performing a triumphant jig with the Rev Ian Paisley when the hotly-contested parade made it down Portadown's nationalist Garvaghy Road.



Trimble: success where predecessors had failed

His election to the party leadership, after James Molyneaux's retirement, dismayed nationalists, who saw him as the ultimate Unionist bigot and hardliner, but his jig with Dr Paisley has given way to a far more potent image — that of his handshake with Mr Hume on stage at last week's rock concert in Belfast to rally support for the Yes camp. Unionism and nationalism had finally met in the middle.

To reach that point Mr Trimble had taken remarkable gambles. Last September he became the first Unionist leader to sit at the same negotiating table as Sinn Fein. Last month he reached an accord that involves the release of IRA prisoners and Sinn Fein's participation in Northern Ireland's new executive. Over the past five weeks he sold that agreement to deeply sceptical Unionists in the face of determined opposition by six of his nine MPs and the Orange Order's leadership. At one point it seemed he had irrevocably split his party.

As Mr Trimble savoured his triumph, his old dancing partner, Dr Paisley, was barracked and jeered during his brief appearance at the count. Loyalists who were once his most ardent supporters taunted him with shouts of "loser" and "dinosaur". His minders fought with photographers and cameramen as he left the hall, and he clashed angrily with interviewers on television.

Dr Paisley claimed that a majority of Protestants had rejected the agreement, but yesterday's *Sunday Times* exit poll suggested the split was 55-45 in favour. He accused the Government of using "bribery, corruption, lies and deceit" to win the referendum, but he failed to defeat the accord despite tailor-made issues for him to exploit and the Balcombe Street gang's hugely inflammatory appearance at the Sinn Fein conference that endorsed the accord.

Dr Paisley cannot be written off, but there is a general consensus that he has been gravely damaged. It is he and his Democratic Unionist Party who have been left out in the cold, while Sinn Fein looks almost mainstream. Dr Mowlam claimed that on Friday the DUP received had its lowest support ever, and the *Sunday Times* exit poll suggested his North Antrim constituency was the only one where a majority voted No.

Peter Robinson, the DUP's deputy leader, Bob McCartney, the UK Unionist Party leader, and the UUP's William Thompson — the three MPs who also spearheaded the No campaign — also found themselves dangerously at odds with their constituents. More than 70 per cent of Mr Robinson's East Belfast constituents backed the accord, according to the exit poll. Mr McCartney's North Down constituency backed it by 73 per cent to 27, and a massive 83 per cent said Yes in Mr Thompson's West Tyrone constituency.

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PETER NICHOLLS

Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness at the count on Saturday. Sinn Fein is now almost a mainstream party, while the DUP has lost ground

THE ROAD AHEAD

May 27: Elton John's concert at Stormont, designed to consolidate the peace.

June 19: the Orange Order's biennial "Tour of the North" march in north Belfast, which is opposed by nationalist residents' groups. This could inflame sectarian passions just days before the assembly elections.

June 25: elections to Northern Ireland's new assembly: 108 members to be chosen, six from each constituency. This will operate for several months as a "shadow" assembly.

June/July: legislation to permit the release of terrorist prisoners to be put through parliament. The Government also hopes to push through legislation to set up the new assembly before the summer recess but this could slip to the autumn. Unionists and Conservatives say the Bills must explicitly link prisoner releases and Sinn Fein's participartion in Northern Ireland's government to decommissioning.

July 5: the Orange Order's Drumcree parade through Portadown's predominantly nationalist Garvaghy Road. This is the most hotly contested parade and has sparked trouble across the Province for the past three years.

July 12: the traditional peak of the marching season with great potential for sectarian clashes.

February 1999: the assembly formally comes into being at same time as the new north-south ministerial council.

Paisley's followers sing from a familiar hymn book

BY AUDREY MAGEE
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

"WE PUT our trust in our Lord our Saviour and we are on the winning side, Hallelujah," said one woman as she strode through the door of Ian Paisley's Free Presbyterian Church yesterday.

His parishioners at the church on Belfast's Ravenhill Road — clutching leather-bound bibles and filled with evangelical zeal — were adamant that they were right and the rest of Ulster was wrong. The 71 per cent who voted for the deal were misguided, but the Lord and Dr Paisley would help them to see the error of their ways.

Ethel Bennett, of Holywood, Co Down, said: "People did not understand what they were being asked. The document was written to confuse people — there were parts even I found difficult — but people should have realised that anything Sinn Fein goes for is no good."

The people who backed the leader of the Democratic Unionist Party were in their Sunday best as usual, but this week, there was tension. Strangers, normally given an effusive welcome, were viewed with suspicion by a group that is perhaps slowly realising that it may be losing its grip on society.

Dr Paisley's people, however, are not yet ready to give up. Denis Balloch said: "We got over 28 per cent, which is 2 per cent more than the basic 26 per cent we required, leaving us with 56 per cent of the Unionist vote. No matter what Mr Trimble, the Government and the media are saying, we have won and we will keep winning."

Another congregation member, Elizabeth Houston, said they were praying that "God will put His people into the assembly, people who will speak with His system and people who will follow the truth and rescue the country from the path of destruction it is on".

On the other side of town, in nationalist West Belfast, the mood was more relaxed. There was none of the jubilation that followed the announcement of the 1994 IRA ceasefire, just quiet contemplation.

"I think there is a new spirit about the place," said Robert Morrison, a schoolteacher on the Falls Road, as he took his 15-month-old son to morning Mass at Clonard Monastery.

"People on both sides have had enough of the violence and want a new beginning. Paisley, who has been out there as long as I can remember, is losing his hold. He can sense that even Protestants are beginning to get fed up with his divisiveness and always saying 'No'."

The Rector of the monastery, Father Kevin Browne, said: "We have not been out on the streets, but inside praying a little harder than usual that the assembly will work out. We are concerned that people who are against the agreement will make it difficult for everyone else in the new assembly and we have to work now to try and ensure that that does not happen. We must all move forward."

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Euphoria over referendum marred

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said. "Build a bit of confidence. Show that you're prepared to accept that those triumpahlist marches, those sectarian coat-trailing marches...should not go ahead at this time."

Mr Trimble insisted that the marches were legitimate celebrations of the Protestant tradition and implored nationalists: "Don't allow the IRA to manipulate you into causing violence this summer". He referred to Mr Adams as "this little man" and questioned his commitment to the accord.

The sharp exchanges coincided with the start of a month-long election campaign, and Mr Trimble appealed for party unity so that the UUP could enter the assembly with as strong a base as possible. Unionist opponents of the accord won approximately 45 per cent of the Protestant vote and could render the assembly unworkable if they captured enough seats.

Mr Trimble said the six dissident UUP MPs should "loyally support the leadership of the party" now the vote was over. Constituency associations should select candidates "who will, as is the normal course, give an undertaking to support the policies of this party and to abide loyally by the decisions of this party".

Referring to Unionists who voted No in the referendum on Friday, he said: "We must bring on board those who have been misled about this agreement and who are fearful about the future."

Mr Trimble enjoyed an early boost when Jeffrey Donaldson, the most influential of the dissident MPs, said that he accepted the result and called for a "more united front". Two other dissident MPs, Martin Smyth and William Ross, said they would not stand for the assembly.

Within hours of the referendum results being announced on Saturday afternoon, Irish police intercepted two cars packed with 1,000 lb of home-made explosives just before they crossed into the north.

Later that night, a small bomb partly exploded under a Belfast railway bridge as an army officer was examining it with a remote-controlled robot.

Three diehard republican splinter groups — the Continuity IRA, the Irish National Liberation Army and a group associated with the 32 County Sovereignty Committee — have rejected the peace process.

Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern, the Irish Taoiseach, both pledged to crack down hard on such groups if they defied the referendum results.

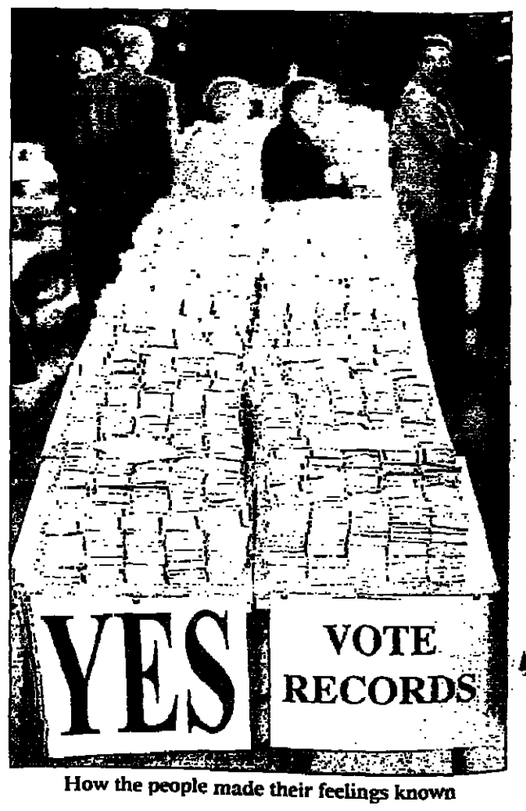
HOW THEY VOTED

Northern Ireland: Yes 71.12 per cent (676,966 votes), **No** 28.88 (274,879). **Turnout** 80.98.

Irish Republic: Yes 94.4 per cent (1,401,919), **No** 5.60 (83,141). **Turnout** 55.47.

According to a Coopers and Lybrand exit poll for *The Sunday Times*, 55 per cent of Northern Ireland's Protestants voted Yes and 45 per cent No. Among Roman Catholics, 96 per cent voted Yes, 4 per cent No. Men divided 68-32 in favour, women 75-25.

Northern Ireland's total electorate is 1,175,741. Of its population of just over 1.6 million, approximately 56 per cent are Protestants and 41 per cent Catholics.



How the people made their feelings known

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Father wins change in law over child he never had

Strict rules on amending birth certificates are to be altered, writes **Frances Gibb**

A MAN who was wrongly registered as the father of a child after his wife had an affair has won a victory against the Government in the European Court of Human Rights.

Alan Veale fought a ten-year battle through the courts to have the error rectified. Under British law, a birth certificate can be changed only under strict conditions, so he took his complaint to the European court in Strasbourg.

An out-of-court settlement has now been reached between Mr Veale and the Government, which has agreed to amend the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953, and to pay Mr Veale damages.

The mistake arose in 1987 after Mr Veale's wife gave birth to a child, who was registered as Mr Veale's son. Soon afterwards his wife told him that she had had an affair and the boy was not his.

By that time, divorce proceedings had started between the couple, which were completed in October that year. In 1992 Mr Veale remarried and he and his second wife had a daughter in 1994. Even though his former wife brought proceedings to secure maintenance for the boy against his true father, and paternity tests were conducted excluding Mr Veale as the father, it proved impossible to change the boy's birth certificate.

He complained to Strasbourg that his rights to private and family life had been violated, contrary to Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Philip Leach, director of law and policy at Liberty, the human rights pressure group which took the case for Mr Veale, said: "The erroneous record has had a continuous, direct and distressing effect on Mr Veale's private life and that of his family. He has fought long and hard just to establish a simple biological truth."

Mr Veale said: "The child was little more a year old when the court ruled that I was not his father — he's 11 now, and it's likely to be another year before the bureaucratic process is completed. It's been a long fight. But seeing the Government amending the law to ensure that this injustice never happens to anyone else makes it all worth it."

The General Register Office, where births and deaths are registered, has issued a consultation paper proposing a change to the law. At the moment it is possible to change errors in birth certificates but only by meeting certain strict conditions that can be impossible to comply with, as in the case of Mr Veale. He would have had to produce a statutory declaration by two people qualified to know the facts about the birth of the boy — in other words, the mother and the boy's true father. But the father would not co-operate and could not be compelled to do so. It is proposed that people will no longer have to provide two statutory declarations.

The ruling will not affect transsexuals, who must remain registered as the gender they were born. But they will regard the ruling as a boost to their campaign to be allowed to make such changes.

Family trapped in house by swarm of bees

BY VICTORIA FLETCHER

A WOMAN who claims she was trapped in her bee-covered house for two days with her two young children has criticised the local council for refusing to help.

Jane Clark claims that she called twice for a rescue team, but Weymouth council said it could not intervene as bees are a protected species. It suggested two beekeepers, but both were unavailable when Mrs Clark rang them.

Mrs Clark said yesterday: "There were thousands swarming over the house. It was like something out of a horror movie. There was a horrendous noise."

Mrs Clark, 35, and her children Ben, three, and Charlie, two months, had been told of the presence of the bees by a neighbour who saw a swarm of about 20,000 crawling over the windows, doors and roof of the house.

She said: "I tried the RSPCA, the police and the fire brigade, but they said the same — that bees are protected so I'd have to get a beekeeper.

"Then the bees started settling on the chimney pot. Fortunately, it's sealed so they couldn't get in the house."

Environmental offices agreed to inspect the house the next day, but Mrs Clark claims that after seeing the bees, they promptly gave her neighbours two more contact numbers and left.

On day three, the bees finally flew off, allowing Mrs Clark and her children to leave their house.

"If they [the council] cannot do anything then, at least they should be able to advise people of what they should do," Mrs Clark said afterwards.

Tony Beeson, the environmental health services manager in Weymouth, Dorset, said: "The bees weren't in the property. We normally don't like to control bees because they are very beneficial insects in terms of pollination."

Alex Ross of the RSPCA advised members of the public to call local bee-keeping societies or pest control units if they were faced with a similar situation.

Don't worship my father, says Sean Lennon

Son describes shot Beatle as flawed man and adulterer, reports **Tunku Varadarajan**

FEW stars can be real idols to their children. Now John Lennon's younger son Sean has said that not only does he regard his late father as a rather flawed human being, he also wishes that fans would stop regarding the murdered Beatle as a kind of God.

Sean Lennon variously describes his father as a "macho pig", an adulterer and a "asshole" in memories of their time together. The image emerges of a strict father who shouted fiercely, denied him sweets and refused to let him see television commercials.

Sean, aged 22, is the son of Lennon's second wife, Yoko Ono. His disillusionment with his father is all the more poignant for the fact that Lennon decided to take five years off from work when his younger son was born, to devote himself exclusively to the raising of his child. Troubled by his estrangement from Julian, his older son by his first wife Cynthia, Lennon had hoped to ensure a better relationship and a better childhood. Sean was five years old when Lennon was shot dead in New York in December 1980.

In an interview to be published in the July issue of *Rolling Stone* magazine, Sean says that his father once cheated brazenly on his mother while the two were at a party together: "He was a macho pig in lots of ways, and he knew it. I think his greatest achievement was recognising that he was a macho asshole and trying to stop it.

"When I think back on those events and hear about them, I think of my dad as being a huge asshole. But I think it was hard for him to become a sensitive monogamist because he was a macho Liverpudlian — look at that lost weekend in Los Angeles." This is a reference to an 18-month period in the early 1970s, when Lennon lived with with May Pang, his demure 22-year-old personal assistant.

Sean, who recently released his first album, *Into the Sun* — recorded with his girlfriend Yuka Honda, and members of her band *Cibo Matto* — also speaks of his father's raging temper. He says: "I don't want to say it, but I have some less than happy memories of him screaming at me. My dad definitely had a violent temper. He would get angry sometimes. And when he did, that voice that was so soothing would become like a knife.

"People forget how easy it is to overglorify a human being, to make a myth of them. The reality was that he was my dad. And sometimes he would yell at me for no reason, scream and shout, and I would cry hysterically. If there is anything the public doesn't understand, it's that he was a human being.

"I don't want people to think I'm being disrespectful. But then again, he's my dad, and I know better than they do. I know he was a great guy but he wasn't a God, he was a person like you and me. He was imperfect, he had doubts. He had days when he would feel like crap, days where he felt good.

"My dad was really strict. I remember watching the *Muppets Show* with him — he loved the show. And he would always turn the TV off during the commercials. I would say, 'Dad, we're going to miss some of it.' And he would go, 'No, we're not.' He'd wait two minutes then put the TV back on. He told me that anything you ever see on a commercial is a lie. I wasn't allowed to watch commercials.

"I wasn't allowed to eat refined sugar. I wasn't allowed to eat dairy. I grew up completely macrobiotic. The sweetest thing I ever had were these little dried Japanese fish. That's what he would give me as candy."

Wistfully, he says: "I don't miss John Lennon the persona. I miss my dad. I don't miss the Beatle. I miss the guy who put me on his shoulders and we walked on the beach together. I miss him every day."

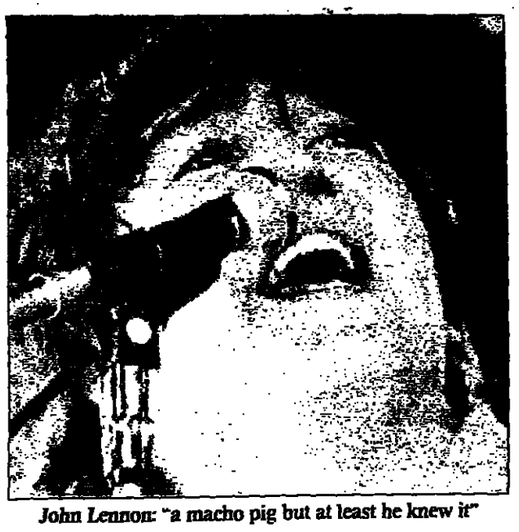
In the interview, Sean also describes how he learnt of Lennon's death. Some days later, a governess told him to go to his mother's room: "I remember someone saying my mum wants to talk to me. I had to go into the bedroom — my mother had been in bed for days. She said, 'Your dad's dead. He's been killed.' She said it really straight up like that. I said, 'Don't worry mum, you're still young, you'll find somebody.' Then I ran into my bedroom and started to cry hysterically."

Sean is afraid that someone will shoot his mother to emulate the killing of Lennon. He always walks behind her to shield her from a bullet: "To this day when I walk into the Dakota [the building where Ono lives] with my mum I make sure she walks in front of me. I can't tell you how many dreams I had when I was a kid about being shot."

JOHN STILLWELL



Sean Lennon with his mother Yoko Ono: he tries to protect her and fears she could be a gunman's target



John Lennon: "a macho pig but at least he knew it"

All aboard for 'memorial' trips round Diana's London

Visitors can follow the funeral route, writes **Philip Delves Broughton**

CAMERAS to the ready for the first of the Diana Memorial Tours, a venture set up to guide visitors around places in and around London which featured in the life of Diana, Princess of Wales.

The most expensive of the five tours on offer is called "London's Princess" and takes in Kensington Palace, Westminster Abbey, St James's Palace and Buckingham Palace — the route taken by the Princess's funeral cortege — and lunch in a restaurant in Kensington Palace Gardens, all for £58.50.

The cheapest coach tour is the £19.50 "Diana's London", an afternoon trip to Kensington Palace, Buckingham Palace, Harrods and the funeral route as well as the nursery school in Pimlico where the Princess taught before her marriage, her favourite shops, the cinemas she liked to visit with her sons and her Earl's Court gym.

The new Memorial Tours company has the approval of the London Tourist Board but the trustees of the Princess's estate have promised to look into the company as part of their wide-ranging patrol of any businesses which appear to be making money out of the Princess's name or likeness.

"It is really none of their business," Nicola Pearce, 31, the founder of Memorial Tours, says. "Thousands of people are visiting London, asking about Diana and yet there is no official memorial.

"If people went to Calcutta, I'm sure they would expect to find out about Mother Teresa and where she lived and worked. Diana was a similar figure on the world stage."

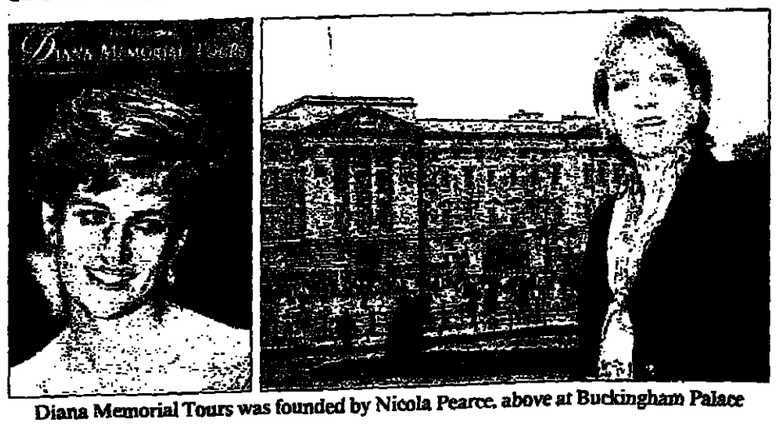
Among the more controversial stop-offs is Eton College, Prince William's school. "Eton is very easy to get to and accessible to the public," says Miss Pearce. "It is not like Gordonstoun. Anyway, most of the visits will be during the summer holidays." The "Royal Windsor and Eton" and "Windsor's Rose" tours also include a visit to Windsor Castle and St George's Chapel. Althorp, the Spencer family home in Northamptonshire, is not included.

Fending off accusations that cruising the funeral route might seem tasteless to some, Miss Pearce says: "These tours will be very high quality. There will be no salacious gossip or speculation and the blue badge guides will not be answering questions like 'would Dodi and Diana have got married?' or 'what about Charles and Camilla'?"

Miss Pearce says she was inspired by the life of the Princess and by living opposite the Pimlico nursery where she once worked. Her partner in the business, in which she has invested her own money, is Golden Tours, a London company.

Miss Pearce has promised to give 10 per cent of her company's profits to a children's charity, but cannot yet say which one.

"All that visitors to London can find about the Princess is books in shops and the odd postcard," she says. "They deserve more."



Diana Memorial Tours was founded by Nicola Pearce, above at Buckingham Palace

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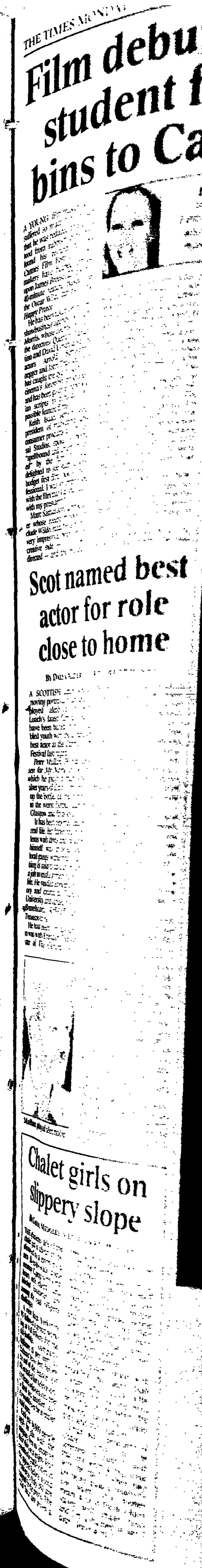
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Film debut takes student from bins to Cannes



Dalya Alberge reports from the Cannes Film Festival on a young director whose struggle to fund his movie project has paid off

A YOUNG film-maker who suffered so much for his art that he was reduced to eating food from rubbish bins has found his reward at the Cannes Film Festival. Film-makers have heaped praise upon James Breese, 23, for his 40-minute feature based on the Oscar Wilde fantasy *The Happy Prince*.

He has been taken on by the showbusiness agency William Morris, whose clients include the directors Quentin Tarantino and David Lynch and the actors Arnold Schwarzenegger and John Travolta. He has caught the eye of some of cinema's foremost producers and has been given Hitchcockian scripts to consider for possible feature films.

Keith Isaac, senior vice-president of marketing and consumer products at Universal Studios, spoke of being "spellbound and utterly riveted" by the film. "I was delighted to see such a low-budget first film look so professional. I was so impressed with the film that I discussed it with my president."

Marc Samuelson, a producer whose recent movies include *Wilde*, said: "His film is very impressive, both on the creative side — it is well directed — and the business side." Mr Samuelson, who is promoting a series of new projects at Cannes, added: "He has managed to get a very professional product together using his tenacity and talent."

Mr Breese wrote and directed the film, called *My Funny Valentine*, which is described as a fairy-tale for adults. John Hurt, star of films such as *The Elephant Man*, agreed to appear for no fee after Mr Breese sent a synopsis. The writer-director's persuasive powers also inspired the rest of the cast and production team to take part without payment. The BBC, British Film Institute and HTV were among the organisations that provided support.

The project was still, however, a personal struggle for Mr Breese, who was a graphic design student at the University of the West of England, in Bristol, at the time.

"I can't describe what euphoria it has been," he said after the enthusiastic reception from the industry, recalling how only a few months ago he was so short of money that he had to retrieve the remains of takeaway kebabs from rubbish bins. "The pressure of the desire to finish something and get it right was like a self-inflicted punishment."

The effort appears to have been worthwhile. Tanya Cohen, of William Morris, said that Mr Breese had the talent to be an important studio director. "The film is absolutely fabulous. He tackled it in such a unique way."

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NICK RAY

James Breese convinced the actor John Hurt to appear in his film. All of the cast and crew worked for free

Dr Dolittle, the man who talks to the robots

HOLLYWOOD has created a menagerie of robotic animals for a new film version of *Dr Dolittle* because its star, Eddie Murphy, does not like the living kind.

"He is an animalphobe," said David Barrington-Holt, the British-born creative head of Jim Henson's Creature Shop in Los Angeles. There are other reasons for using the lifelike models, which are controlled by motors and radio: they do not attack actors and they do exactly what is required.

The £45 million film has been promoted by Twentieth Century Fox at the Cannes Film Festival with a 3D advertisement of real animals along the elegant Croisette. It is more than 30 years since Rex Harrison filmed the musical version of Hugh Lofting's story. The new film is not a remake, but was "inspired" by the original idea of a doctor who talks to animals.

Murphy was amazed when he first saw an "animatronic" dog on set, and said: "You've really done a good job. I want one. You wouldn't have to clean up after it."

Scot named best actor for role close to home

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A SCOTTISH actor whose moving portrayal of an unemployed alcoholic in Ken Loach's latest film is said to have been based on his troubled youth won the award for best actor at the Cannes Film Festival last night.

Peter Mullan, 38, was chosen for *My Name is Joe*, in which he plays a man who, after years of alcoholism, gives up the bottle, devotes himself to the worst football team in Glasgow and finds love.

It has been reported that, in real life, his father had problems with drink and the actor himself was involved with local gangs: witnessing a stabbing is said to have given him a jolt to make something of his life. He studied economic history and drama at Glasgow University and landed roles in *Braveheart*, *Riff-Raff*, and *Trainspotting*.

He had been joint favourite to win with Brendan Gleeson, star of *The General*, John Boorman's story of Dublin's most notorious outlaw, Martin Cahill. Critics had praised the sensitivity of his acting. "Appearing on screen throughout the film, often seen in searching close-up, Mullan responds with a naturalistic performance of tremendous force and character. This is all the more impressive because you never actually catch him acting," one critic wrote.

The Times said Mullan and his co-star, Louise Goodall, had given impassioned and natural performances "battling with an inner-city life that gives people few choices".

Mullan said: "Playing Joe was like playing yourself in a different context. You think 'It's you if things hadn't worked out.'"

He researched the role with Alcoholics Anonymous: "I had my page of script for that day and I was uncertain how to play it. Ken asked people to tell their story and they were superb, honest and moving, and for the first time in my film career, I didn't want the camera to turn on me. I decided not to be an actor. I just decided to be. It was terrifying. All my tricks and gimmicks were stripped off."

He said Loach "lets you off the leash, doesn't force you into acrobatics". The director has won earlier awards at Cannes for films including *Land and Freedom*.

Mullan, speaking at a press conference in Cannes, joined Loach and the screenwriter, Paul Laverty, in attacking the Government for making cuts in arts funding.



Mullan: played alcoholic

Chalet girls on slippery slope

BY CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE glamorous life of the chalet girl is about to be dismissed as a myth by a new fly-on-the-wall documentary. Coping with long hours, rude clients and blocked lavatories are among the real off-piste challenges.

A crew from Yorkshire TV followed a group working at Val D'Isere for the ski-holiday company Inghams; 16 per cent of Inghams' hosts left before the end of the season. Of the six trailed for television, one leaves mid-season, one is fired and another says she would never be a chalet maid again.

Each year, 16,000 people apply for jobs with the company, keen to improve their skiing and enjoy four months of nightlife often in the gap-year before going to university. Only 180 are accepted for the posts. The chalet "hosts" are given a free ski-pass and paid £60 to £70 per week.

Lucinda Steuart-Corry, who helps to put new staff through their induction course said: "A lot of people think 'Wow, great, skiing and going out', but they don't realise that they have to work hard. That is why a lot of them burn out. They don't pace themselves."

Their duties begin with breakfast no later than 7.30am and finish after 10.30pm. Any skiing must be fitted in between the cooking, cleaning, shopping and the laundry.

Brian Kay, producer of *Chalet Girls*, to be screened on June 2, said that tips were a big issue with the staff: "When they are being paid a relatively low wage, this money means a lot to them. I have stayed with chalet hosts and I'm ashamed to say I didn't leave a tip."

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Hasty bridge of faith over the River Kwai

Andrew Drummond reports from Kanchanaburi, Thailand, as old enemies pray for new harmony

BRITISH and Japanese war veterans met yesterday near the Burma "Death Railway" for hastily prepared reconciliation services before Emperor Akihito's arrival in Britain today.

The event, organised by the British Legion and Japanese War Veterans' Association, was jointly funded by the two Governments and attended by each nation's Ambassador to Thailand. Foreign Office officials said that the timing was coincidental, but Piers Storie-Pugh, the British Legion organiser, said that he was given five weeks to get the trip together before the monsoon, which is already gathering over South-East Asia.

Under a scorching sun, Tommy Kent, 82, one of two former prisoners of war among seven British veterans, broke into tears upon recognising the graves of some of his friends in the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. A Japanese veteran said: "I want to comfort him, but whatever I can do will never be enough." As former enemies stood to attention, the British mourned 12,000 Allied servicemen killed by disease, malnutrition, torture and execution, while the Japanese mourned their comrades who died on active duty.

The British ceremony was held at the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Kanchanaburi, by the River Kwai. Mr Kent, from Romford, East London, turned to the British ex-servicemen and the four Japanese veterans, saying: "We will remember them. We will remember."

Bass Trevethick, 78, an RAF medical orderly who was interned in Java and Singapore, stepped forward to lay a wreath with Hiroshi Sato, of Japan's 51st Infantry Regiment, 15th Division.

The Rev Michael Forrer, of Christ Church, Bangkok, asked the two groups to remember the "causes for which they endured adversity, and for which many fought and died, by promoting peace, justice harmony among all people".

Mr Kent said later: "I came here thinking, 'Well they can make me shake the hand of a Japanese soldier, but they can't control what I am thinking.' But when it came to shaking hands, well I didn't really feel anything bad at all.

"These men were not my guards, I can see they are just Japanese veteran soldiers, human beings, like you and I. Before I came here, I got calls from people saying that they were disgusted that I was making the trip.

"When I go back, I am not going to brag about it. Nothing that has happened here today is going to change the minds of many people back home.

"I will just tell it as it happened and hope people will come round to my way of thinking: that we cannot hate these people forever."

The British veterans were from a mixed group, some from the Burma Fellowship Group and others from the Far East Prisoners of War Association. Some faced their opposite numbers as soldiers discussing past campaigns rather than as representatives of brutal captors.

The Fellowship Group, which has had several conciliation meetings with Japanese veterans, comprises mainly British forces who retook Burma from the Japanese. The former POWs' association comprises those who suffered at the hands of Japanese captors.

ANDREW CHANT



British and Japanese veterans stand together. A British official said: "Some of them got on tremendously"

After the British service, the group moved to a little-visited Japanese shrine constructed by the Imperial Forces, where a Buddhist monk chanted mantras and the veterans were asked to pray also for the 80,000 Asian labourers who died building the railway and for the Japanese soldiers who died there.

Addressing the veterans through an interpreter, while the Ambassadors, Sir James Hodge and Hiroshi Ota, looked on, the Japanese Military Attaché, Colonel Ogawa Shoychi, said of the shrine: "This was constructed by the Japanese military's railway regiment long before the end of the war, to commemorate the thousands of workers, which also includes Japanese workers and soldiers, who are laid here. Every year we come here to honour those men who died."

One of the British veterans said: "They may not like this back home. They're going to be asking, who was made to build the bloody shrine? But I do not object to praying for the Japanse soldiers.

The engineers were just doing their job and never bothered us. We got the most brutal treatment from the Korean guards."

Last night the British group moved on to visit sites in Singapore. An embassy official said: "It seemed to go quite well. Some of the old Japanese and British veterans got on tremendously together."

Mr Ota was asked if he was worried that Emperor Akihito would be offended by possible demonstrations in London by other former PoWs. He replied: "I very much hope not."

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The scars that only a proper apology will help to heal

By Joanna Bale

TOM COLLINS'S two middle fingers are cruelly twisted, the legacy of being strung up for 12 hours after failing to salute a Japanese guard. There is also an old wound on his thigh, a reminder of how he managed to flinch away from a bayonet aimed at his groin.

But it is the mental scars that haunt him the most. At 78, he still has vivid nightmares and flashbacks to his three years as a prisoner of war in a Japanese labour camp, reliving the brutality, deprivation and disease. He sees a psychiatrist every two months, takes Prozac for depression, but on the surface is a cheerful, lively man.

Mr Collins wants *shazia*, one of the three Japanese expressions for an apology. He said: "It means 'we are guilty and we owe you' — we will not settle for anything less."

He also believes he is entitled to £14,000 in compensation, instead of the £76 per head that PoWs received at the time of the San Francisco peace treaty in 1952.

He said: "I have nothing against the Japanese today, just the elder statesmen in the Japanese Government who should have settled this years ago. Therefore I intend to join my friends in the Mall to turn my back on the Emperor as he passes by with the Queen."

Mr Collins, of Burgess Hill, West Sussex, spent three years working on the Burma-Siam railway. He said: "Being British, we tried to sabotage as much as we could, but we were beaten for it."

During one beating, he was kicked off the bridge, breaking an arm, a leg, dislocating a shoulder, suffering a hernia and injuries to his groin that he later discovered had rendered him infertile.

On his release from the camp in 1945, he weighed four stone, his body ravaged by malnutrition and disease. It took him five years to recover and he spent time in a psychiatric hospital.

He said: "I am one of the fit ones. I feel that it is down to me and the others to seek what is right and just for those who cannot do it for themselves. Many of them really do need the money to help those who care for them full-time."



Collins: says he still has vivid nightmares

Joseph Hirsh will not be joining the protests because he believes in letting "bygones be bygones". Like Mr Collins, he was a prisoner for three years, much of which was spent building the "Death Railway". He too suffered malnutrition and disease that left him partially deaf. However, he was never beaten and says his experiences have had little effect on his life.

Mr Hirsh, 78, who was a private in the Royal Corps of Signals when he was captured in Singapore in 1942, said: "I look back on it as an unfortunate experience, but I have not thought about it much since. I have never seen the *Bridge over the River Kwai* film or been back to Thailand, although I did go on holiday to Singapore and visited the cemetery there to find a few old friends who never made it back.

"We were all badly treated. I caught malaria 14 times and became deaf, but modern hearing aids are very good and it does not interfere with my life too much. I was very young and it was very hard, but I've put all that behind me. We've all got to live together and move forward."

The retired town planner from Ealing, West London, who received a CBE from the Queen, agrees that the Emperor should not get the Order of the Garter. Mr Hirsh said: "I sympathise with the veterans who want to protest, but I do not want to take part because I think it could embarrass the Queen."



Joseph Hirsh with a photograph of himself as a PoW

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JAPANESE ROYAL VISIT

High cost of royalty is accepted by public

Imperial Family is squeaky-clean and popular, writes **Alan Hamilton**

TAXPAYERS in Japan bear an apparently heavier burden than their British counterparts when it comes to paying for the monarchy. They support the Emperor and 22 other members of his family, whereas we meet the expenses of just three Royal Family members: the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

Japan pays £2.7 million a year for the family members out of an imperial budget of £83.5 million, yet the cost per taxpayer is roughly the same as in Britain because of Japan's greater population.

Whereas the Queen is able to pay lesser royals' working expenses out of her private resources — estimated at £45 million — defeat in 1945 stripped the Imperial Family of virtually all their wealth.

Almost two thirds of the budget goes to fund the Imperial Household Agency, a large, omnipotent and deeply conservative bureaucracy under the control of the Prime Minister, which rules the lives of the Emperor and his family. The agency has a staff of 1,122 from its top man, the Grand Steward, down to gardeners and an imperial police force.

Britain publicly funds a royal staff of 500, although that figure does not include policing and security. Many of the Queen's senior courtiers come from outside traditional circles: her present private secretary and Lord Chamberlain are both former City merchant bankers, and her Keeper of the Privy Purse was recruited from KPMG, the accountancy firm. The Japanese Royal Household is firmly in the hands of ex-diplomats and other career civil servants.

Japan and Britain are both constitutional monarchies, with the powers of the Crown largely emasculated, and the monarch kept well clear of the political arena. The Japanese adhere rigidly to the written constitution bestowed upon them by the occupying Americans. The Queen, when abroad, is quite happy to help to promote British trade and will not feel in the least compromised by being asked to tour a British export fair.

Emperor Akihito could not contemplate any such thing: it would be too close to the political arena. During his visit to South Wales on Wednesday, he could visit any of a multitude of Japanese plants. But to visit one would be a dreadful snub to the others; he will instead meet them all on neutral ground at Cardiff Castle.

When the Queen travels abroad on state visits, she is accompanied by her Foreign Secretary and her presence in a foreign capital coincides with bilateral talks between governments, which get down to the serious business of trade and political relations. Not so the Emperor; there will be no Japanese Foreign Minister accompanying him, and no inter-governmental talks.

The Japanese view of their Emperor as a squeaky-clean, apolitical figurehead explains why, even if the Japanese Government wished to issue a more fulsome apology to former prisoners of war, which it does not, the Emperor would not be the chosen messenger. "The Emperor does not have a reconciliation function," a senior official of the Imperial Household explained.

Whereas the future direction of the British monarchy has become the subject of open debate, the Japanese largely accept their royal house in its present form. Newspaper opinion polls regularly show up to 80 per cent support.

The annual imperial budget is passed with barely a murmur of dissent. British royal accounts are now about to be opened to full scrutiny by government auditors; the Japanese Government has enjoyed such power for years, but has rarely used it.



AFP

The Imperial Family, with the Emperor and Empress flanking their grand-daughters, Princesses Mako and Kako

Links between the rulers began in age of Victoria

BRITISH royalty has maintained contact with Japan ever since since the latter ended centuries of isolation in the 1860s.

Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, Victoria's second son, arrived in Tokyo in 1869 to pay his respects to a new Emperor, and he was followed by the future George V in 1881.

Japanese royals attended Victoria's golden and diamond jubilee celebrations, but the first significant visit was by Crown Prince Hirohito, who later became Emperor, in 1921, when he was entertained by George V. His son, Akihito, when Crown Prince, was an official guest at the Queen's Coronation in 1953 and has visited Britain four times since.

Hirohito made his first state visit as Emperor when he came to Britain in 1971 to a largely frosty reception, with memories of the war still vivid in many British minds. The Queen made the first British state visit to Japan in 1975.

The Duke of Edinburgh attended Hirohito's funeral in 1989 and, as a veteran of the Far East campaign and president of the Burma Star Association, declined to bow as the imperial coffin passed him.

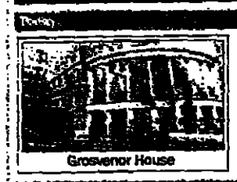
The Prince and Princess of Wales were official guests at Akihito's subsequent enthronement.

British royals are not as personally close to the Japanese Imperial Family as they are to some European royal houses, although the Prince of Wales has met Akihito on his three visits to Japan, the first while he was still serving in the Royal Navy in 1970.

Two of the Emperor's children, however, are highly anglicised: Crown Prince Naruhito studied at Merton College, Oxford, while his younger brother, Prince Akishino, was at St John's.

THE WEEK'S ITINERARY

Today



Grosvenor House

Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko arrive at Heathrow from Lisbon privately on Monday night after a brief visit to Portugal. They will stay at Grosvenor House before their British state visit begins formally on Tuesday.

Tues May 26



Buckingham Palace

12.40: Emperor and Empress arrive at Horse Guards Parade for formal welcome by the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh, followed by an open carriage drive down the Mall to lunch at Buckingham Palace. The imperial couple will stay at the Palace for the remainder of their state visit.

4.38: Emperor, Empress and Duke of Edinburgh lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Westminster Abbey.

5.05: Emperor and Empress visit St James's Palace for an address of welcome by the Lord Mayor of Westminster, followed by tea with Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother next door at Clarence House.

8.30: Queen hosts a state banquet at Buckingham Palace for the Emperor, Empress and 170 guests, including Tony Blair, Robin Cook, representatives of Anglo-Japanese trade and cultural organisations, and a small group of Second World War veterans.

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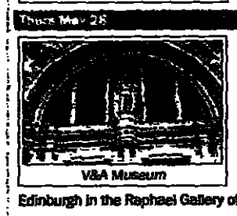


Cardiff Castle

11.40: The Prince of Wales greets Emperor and Empress at Cardiff Castle, where they meet representatives of Japanese industrial investment in South Wales, watch Welsh folk-dancing and singing, and lunch with Ron Davies, Secretary of State for Wales.

7.45: Emperor and Empress attend Lord Mayor of London's dinner in Guildhall, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

Thurs May 28



V&A Museum

10.00: Emperor and Empress visit the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

12.45: Tony Blair entertains the imperial couple to lunch at 10 Downing Street.

2.50: The Emperor, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, receives the medal of the Royal Society at Carlton House Terrace, for his scientific work as a marine biologist.

8.30: Emperor and Empress host a return banquet for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in the Raphael Gallery of the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Fri May 29



London Zoo

10.20: The Emperor visits the Linnean Society, a learned botanical institution, at Burlington House, Piccadilly. The Empress meanwhile visits the British Red Cross headquarters at Victoria.

12.00: Imperial couple host a reception for the Japanese community in Britain, and for Anglo-Japanese organisations, at Grosvenor House.

4.15: The Emperor visits London Zoo as part of his interest in natural sciences.

The formal state visit ends and the imperial couple return to Grosvenor House.

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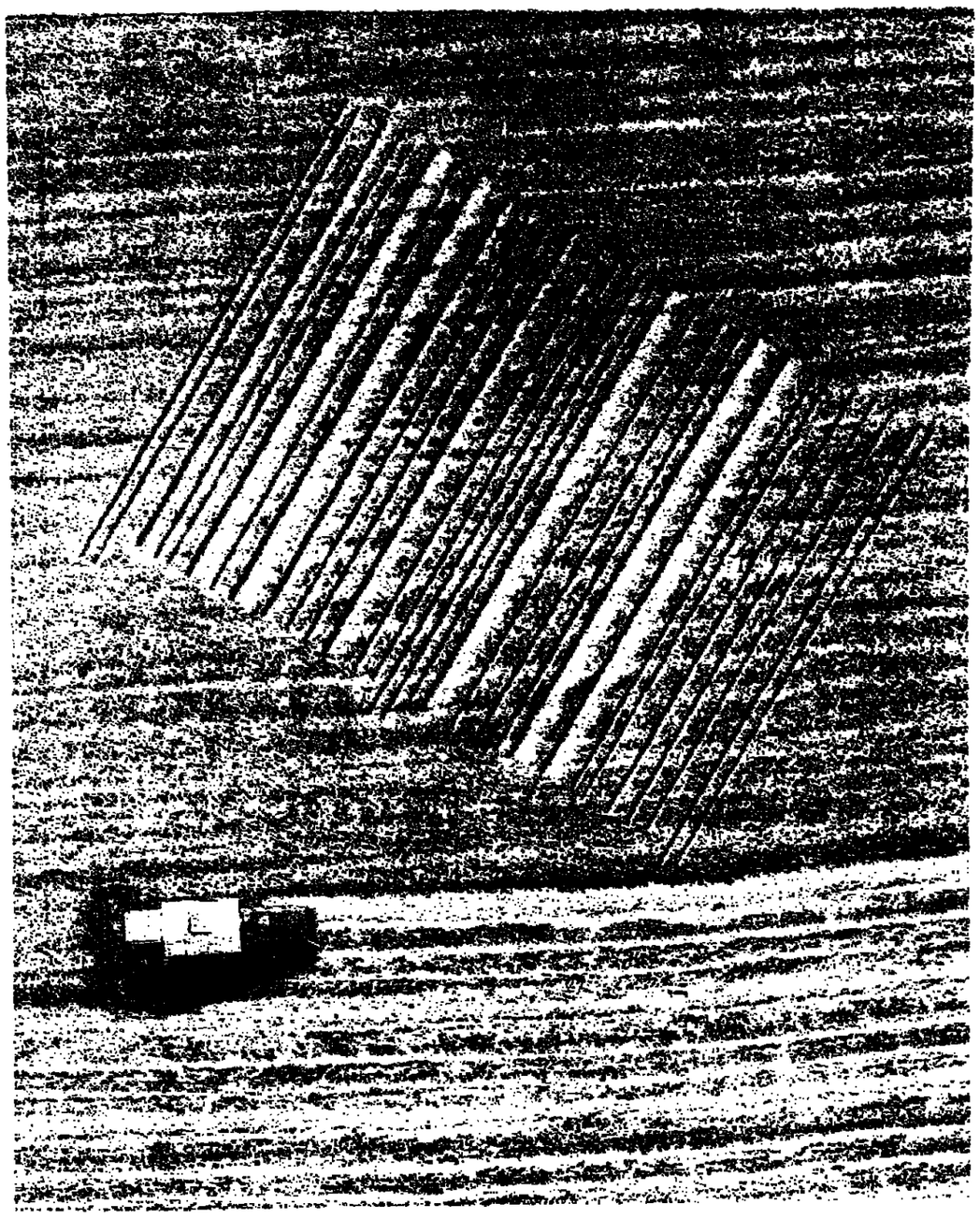


Bodleian Library

The Emperor pays a private visit to an organic farm near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, to see a demonstration of profitable farming combined with environmental care. Empress Michiko pays a private visit to the Bodleian Library at Oxford to see the Opie Collection of children's literature, which she helped to save from being broken up and sold.

Sun May 31

Emperor and Empress leave Heathrow privately to begin a state visit to Denmark, with their first official engagement a visit to Legoland.



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The bishop's wife: a saga of compassion and sacrifice

Ruth Gledhill on book that reveals life at the top of the Anglican Church

THE joys, sorrows and loneliness of being married to an Anglican bishop are disclosed in a book written by Eileen Carey, wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey.

In *The Bishop and I — Taking the lid off the Church's best-kept secret*, the spouses of bishops and archbishops worldwide confess their troubles. The role requires many to sideline their careers, put up with repeated house moves and accept a form of joint ministry where much is expected of them but little recognition is given in return.

In her foreword, Mrs Carey, 59, describes how she came to terms with having to forsake her career as a nurse. The family moved into palaces in Lambeth and Canterbury when he became archbishop in 1991. "One of the most difficult areas to come to terms with was being stripped of what I was good at and enjoying enormously," she writes. "I had always done my own shopping, preparing of meals, baking, dinner parties and lots of other entertaining, and now I was entering an almost unknown world of managing staff to do these things."

Mrs Carey also writes of the "terrible tragedy" when their first child was stillborn on Mothering Sunday, 1962.

The stories of 20 other bishops's wives, and one bishop's husband, are contained in the book, written with the help of her son Andrew, a journalist, and based on questionnaires sent to the bishops' spouses. The book was inspired by a conviction that the contribution made by bishops' spouses to the Church is of enormous importance but often goes unacknowledged. It will be published next month, in time for the ten-yearly Lambeth Conference, the meeting of the international leaders of the worldwide Anglican Church. During the conference, bishops' spouses will meet in a separate programme of events to discuss their concerns.



Eileen Carey had to learn to manage staff at two palaces when her husband became Archbishop of Canterbury

One of the most moving accounts is the story of Esther Olajide, 61, wife of the Right Rev Gideon Olajide, Bishop of Ibadan in Nigeria. Mrs Olajide, a member of the local Royal Family, which has embraced for centuries a culture of polygamy, and the daughter of a subsistence farmer with several wives and children, describes her struggle to cope with childlessness.

"In our society, people begin to ask questions about the expectation of a child weeks after a marriage," she says. "It is a society that will urge the husband to take another wife if a child is not forthcoming in the first three to five years of marriage."She describes the "demeaning and degrading" suggestions that were made, and the "insult and reproach" she and her husband suffered on taking their "unpopular" choice of monogamy.

Ian Jamieson, 58, relates how he coped with being the first bishop's husband in a church where there are now 11 women bishops. His life was transformed when the Right Rev Penny Jamieson, born in England, was made Bishop of Dunedin in New Zealand in 1990. He had to give up his job as a senior member of the department of English at Wellington University because of the move to Dunedin.

As a vicar's husband, he had grown used to being a Sunday school teacher, fourth relief organist, a sidesman, a mower of lawns and taking charge of the other things that vicars' wives are normally expected to do, although he never learnt to cook.

Mr Jamieson, who met his wife when they were students at Edinburgh University, subsequently found another job in Dunedin. He says that he had more freedom to choose than a woman in a comparable situation and that there were no expectations of him. There was even surprise that he went to church at all, he says.

"Of course, the most useful way to be supportive is to be very happy and healthy myself," he adds.

Esther Solomona, 56, wife of the Right Rev Seme Solomona, Bishop of Yei in southern Sudan, describes her panic when her husband decided to become ordained. "There was no money in the Church. How were we going to feed ourselves and see to the education of our children?"

Wilson had secret plan to curb 'flood of immigrants'

Richard Ford on Labour's fears of racial violence four years before Powell

FOUR years before Enoch Powell's "rivers of blood" speech Harold Wilson's Government was secretly planning to curb the "flood" of immigrants and prevent a potentially explosive situation in urban areas.

Labour had been in power less than two months in 1964 when the Home Secretary demanded tighter controls because coloured immigrants were held to be a growing social problem. Ministers were warned that there was going to be a lasting risk of trouble in areas with concentrations of immigrants, according to newly released Cabinet documents.

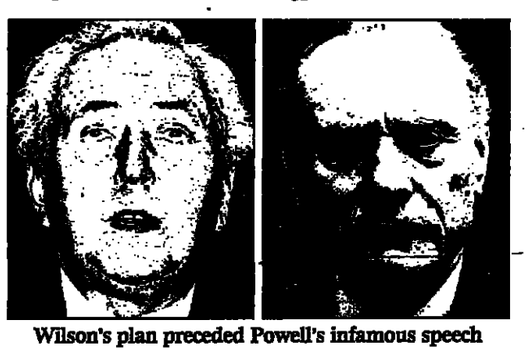
Labour even looked at imposing controls along the Northern Ireland border in case Commonwealth states complained about the ease with which Irish citizens could enter the UK.

Within a month of the election, Sir Frank Soskice told Wilson that there were 600,000 Commonwealth immigrants and an estimated 500,000 dependants with the right to settle. It was estimated that the coloured population would reach 4.5 million by 2002. Although the Home Secretary said there was an economic argument favouring more immigrant workers for essential services, he added that public opinion and in particular Labour's own supporters would not support the idea.

"The country has been taking in coloured immigrants faster than they can be assimilated, given the fact that the immigrants are (and must be) concentrated in certain areas where they can find work. The situation is potentially explosive and, in the interests of the immigrants themselves as well as of the natives, the flow should be slowed down," Sir Frank said in a memo to the Cabinet's Commonwealth Immigration Committee which has just been released at the Public Record Office.

He added: "I think the Government should take all reasonable measures to bring the flood under control."

Sir Frank said that evasion of controls was taking place on a considerable scale and in January 1965 warned his colleagues "they [immigrants] remain a social problem of increasing proportions". He suggested measures which would require immigrants to leave a photograph and other personal details with immigration officers, and compulsory registration with the police. The Home Secretary would be given the power to deport without a recommendation from a court.



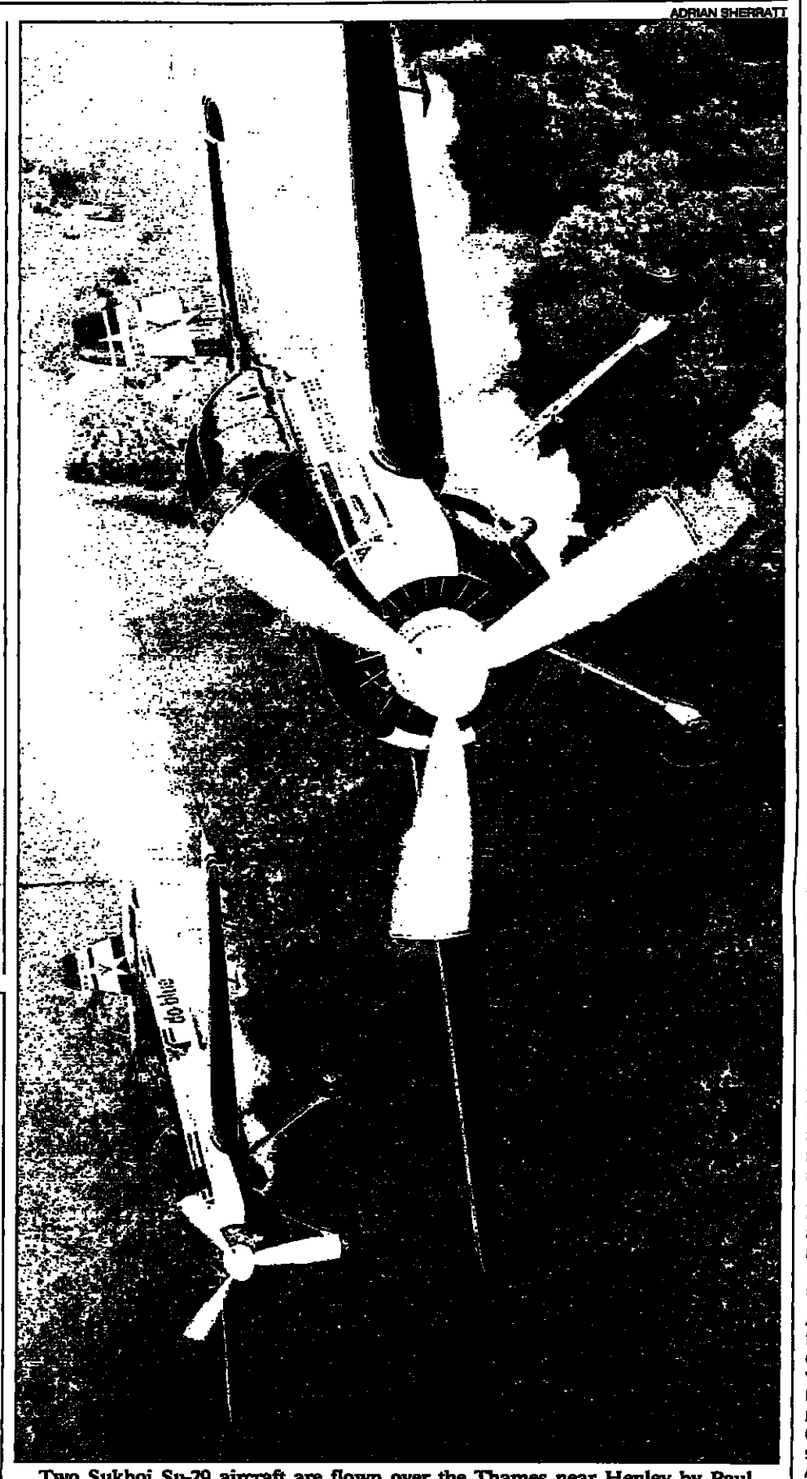
Wilson's plan preceded Powell's infamous speech

Ministers were uncertain whether immigrants should get preferential treatment to find housing. The committee was warned that although immigrants lived in poor and overcrowded conditions, it would risk inflaming relations between the white and black communities if they took priority for housing.

Richard Crossman, Minister of Housing, wrote: "If immigrants keep on coming at a rate which makes integration impossible there will be an insoluble housing problem. I can do nothing to get over this without inflaming our own people.

"If we were to do anything which would suggest that local authorities should make some special effort on behalf of the coloured people — however badly housed they are — we should simply ask for racial trouble", he added.

ADRIAN SHERRATT



Two Sukhoi Su-29 aircraft are flown over the Thames near Henley by Paul Bonhomme and Warwick Brady in readiness for today's Southend airshow

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hotline to Whitehall sets the new tone

David Clark, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, is planning a 24-hour national hotline to the Government for the public and new numbers for Whitehall as part of the modernisation of the machinery of government.

He hopes to introduce "blue pages" in all telephone directories listing numbers for various public services — from social security inquiries to advice about drugs.

"We just don't do enough government business by phone and it struck me we ought to look at the possibility of one government number," said Dr Clark, who was inspired by federal blue pages in the United States.

Diver search fails

A team of divers failed in a renewed attempt to recover a missing colleague believed drowned in a dive on a Cornish wreck, the *Afric*. Paul Haydon, 33, of Hornchurch, Essex, had failed to return from a solo dive 18 miles off Looe. He was with a ten-strong international group.

Cricket murder

A man aged 22 died in hospital yesterday shortly after being beaten and stabbed following a cricket-club disco at Bricket Wood, near Watford. The victim has not been named. Police are seeking information from taxi drivers who took passengers to and from the club.

Memorial arrest

A man aged 20 has been arrested on suspicion of vandalising Stephen Lawrence's memorial plaque in Eltham, southeast London, where the teenager was murdered in 1993. The suspect was released on police bail to return for questioning on June 29 pending inquiries.

Car curb support

A MORI poll showed that 76 per cent of respondents would be happy to see car use restricted if there was a better, integrated transport system. Ninety-two per cent thought road congestion was a serious problem and 89 per cent believed the Government should tackle it as a priority.

First-aid fears

Four out of five people do not know how to help casualties in road accidents and so lives are being endangered, says a study by St John Ambulance and the insurance company Norwich Union Direct. They have produced a first aid guide and want questions on first aid included in the driving test.

Scout's death fall

A Scout aged 11 died after falling 100ft into a ravine during an organised walk at a weekend camp to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the movement. Scott Fanning, of Oldham, near Manchester, slipped from a path near Ashworth Valley Scout Camp, near Rochdale.

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US general to advise MoD on racism in forces

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

GENERAL Colin Powell, the former highest ranking black soldier in the United States, who came to prominence during the Gulf War, has agreed to advise the Ministry of Defence on how to combat racism in the armed forces.

The retired chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff will visit Britain in the autumn at the personal request of George Robertson, the Defence Secretary. He will deliver a keynote speech at a conference on equal opportunities in the military being organised by the MoD and will meet the chiefs of staff of the three armed services.

The retired General saw active service in Vietnam and worked his way up through the ranks despite pervasive racism in the US military. He became so popular that he was almost persuaded to stand in the 1995 Presidential elections.

His invitation to Britain is the latest attempt by defence ministers to find ways of curbing racist attitudes in the armed forces. Mr Robertson said: "I am delighted that General Powell is to share with us his many years' experience on equal opportunities issues ... It reflects the Government's determination to learn from others, both individuals and organisations, as we seek to promote greater racial equality within the armed forces and increase numbers of ethnic minority personnel."

The MoD last month set the armed forces the target of ensuring that 2 per cent of the annual intake of recruits came from the ethnic minorities. That figure will increase to 5 per cent by 2001-02. The aim is for the armed services to reflect broadly the proportion of ethnic minorities in Britain today.

However, the move is likely to prove successful only if the steady flow of allegations of systematic racism throughout the forces begin to dry up. One current case is that of Bombardier Nasar Khan, a Gulf War veteran, who claims he suffered years of abuse and racial insults from colleagues while serving in the Royal Artillery. Next month he will take his case to an industrial tribunal. MoD lawyers are understood to be trying to get his racial discrimination claim rejected through a legal technicality.

Traditions cast aside as Tories pledge to listen

BY NICHOLAS WOOD

MEMBERS of the public are to be invited to address this year's Conservative party conference in a break with tradition.

Only card-carrying party members and senior politicians have been allowed to the rostrum in the past. The change, which could involve teachers and doctors, will be part of a "Listening to Britain" exercise to be launched in mid-July by William Hague. The date has been put back because the Conservative leader believes the country will have little to say in June during the World Cup.

"Listening to Britain" is also the front-runner for the conference slogan in Bournemouth. The Tories have devised a new logo, replacing their flaming torch with a microphone, to symbolise their new-found humility in the wake of their election thrashing last year.

Conference planners propose to have a number of sessions — most likely on health and education — where the traditional debate among party activists followed by a speech by a shadow Cabinet member is replaced by a contribution by a non—Tory.

The education section of the conference is likely to see a teacher, a headteacher, a governor and a schools inspector on the platform giving a brief talk on why the Tories lost their support in government, their current problems and what they want done. These speeches would then serve as the backdrop for a wider debate among party activists about the direction of education policy.

Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, who is leading the policy review and listening exercise, has briefed the Shadow Cabinet on his plans.

The listening phase is expected to last 18 months. Up to 100 meetings involving the public and special interest groups, such as nurses and parents, are planned.

A full-time team at Conservative Central Office will collate the results of the listening sessions and feed them into the policy review.

Shadow Ministers have been told that in their media interviews, they have to get across the impression that they are in listening mode. Ignoring questions, spouting the party line and arguing with interviewers wil all be off-limits.

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Hotline to Whitehall sets the new tone

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Complaints build over defects in new homes

A leaked memo reveals bad news for builders, reports **Rachel Kelly**

THE number of complaints from homeowners about defects in their new homes has risen dramatically in the past decade, a leaked memo from the national housebuilding regulator shows.

The National House Building Council mediated in 4,732 cases in 1997, compared with 889 in 1989. Complaints included faulty plumbing, inadequate ventilation, loose tiles and shoddy paintwork at housing developments up and down the country.

The figures will add to the concern about the effectiveness of the council and its building control inspection and have prompted calls for an independent regulator to oversee the 150,000 new homes built every year. The council is largely funded by the construction industry.

Professor Malcolm Hollis, surveyor and chairman of building surveying at Reading University, said: "The number of complaints has been increasing because there is a poor standard of work within certain sectors of the construction industry. These low standards are linked to the reduction of independent monitoring and supervision of building work."

Until 1985, new homes were inspected by local authority employees who ensured they complied with building regulations. The NHBC was then licenced to perform inspections and offer its own warranty.

Chris Lorentzen, from the Association of New Homeowners, an independent organisation set up to help those who are having problems with their new homes, said: "The problem is that the NHBC is both judge and jury."

He said the real number of homeowners with problems could be as high as 90 per cent. "These NHBC figures underestimate the problem because many homeowners ask for conciliation by the NHBC and are refused. Others lose their case because the NHBC naturally enough tends to err on the side of the builders."

However, a spokeswoman for the council said that in most cases, it found for the householder.

More than 3,000 homeowners have complained to Mr Lorentzen about defects in the past three years. In particular there is widespread dissatisfaction with the council's Buildmark warranty scheme.

The country's five biggest housebuilders are Barratt, Wimpey Homes, Bellway Homes, Beazer and Bryant. Mr Lorentzen said he had received most complaints about houses from Barratt, Laing, Persimmon Homes, Westbury Homes and McAlpine.

The Buildmark warranty is a ten-year insurance policy, but many homeowners misunderstand the protection it offers. Rather than being a guarantee or warranty, it is an insurance policy which holds the builder responsible for breaches of required standards for two years. For the remaining eight years, it provides cover against significant structural damage. But many faults in new homes go uncovered by the warranty. Around 8,000 homeowners successfully claimed against the council warranty last year.

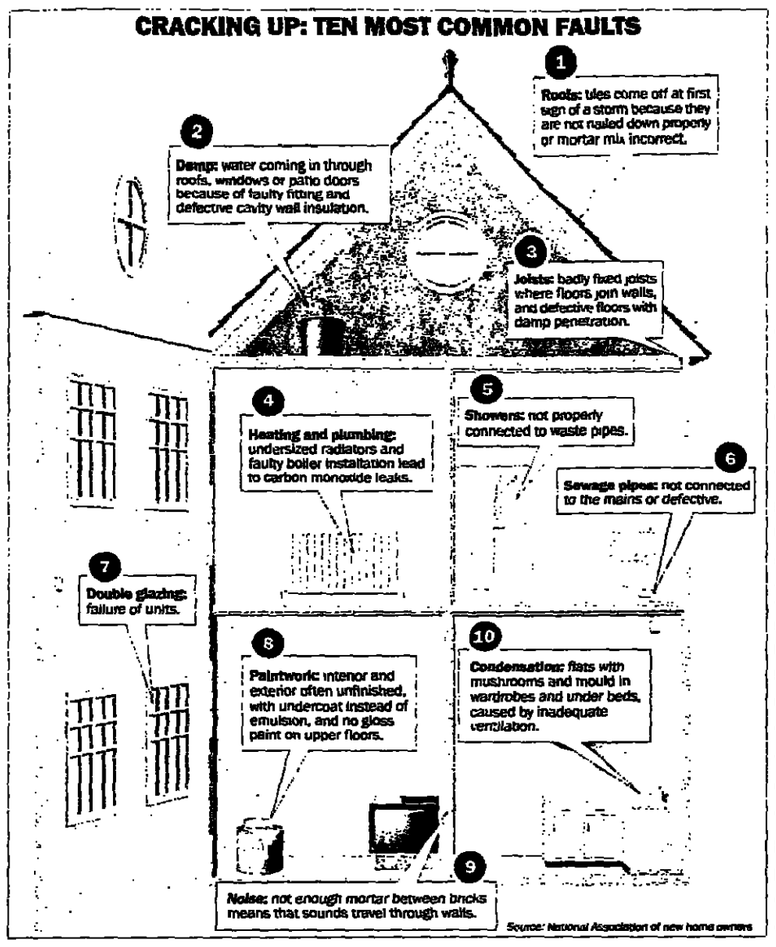
Mr Lorentzen said: "The Buildmark warranty does not cover much apart from major structural damages .. 40,000 new homeowners every year are left with serious problems including breaches of building regulations about foundations, faulty brickwork and cavity insulation. Virtually none are completely cleared up to the owner's reasonable satisfaction."

Val and Richard Hockey had problems with their £295,000 new home in Wingrave, Buckinghamshire. Mrs Hockey said: "The stairs were not attached to the house, water came through the kitchen ceiling from the shower, and the chimney caught fire." As the developer had gone bust, the council sent in builders to carry out repairs. But the Hockeys then discovered the entire structure of the house was unsound. The council offered £1,000 worth of work to cover what the Hockeys estimated was damage of £60,000 to £100,000.

The council said that, although most of its funding came from builders, it was untrue to say it was controlled by builders. "We are taking steps to improve our service and we have recently separated our claims section from our inspection section," the spokeswoman said.



Val Hockey: her £295,000 home was unsound



Skeletons in quarry are early Christians

BY NORMAN HAMMOND
ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ROMAN skeletons found in a Northamptonshire cement quarry are believed to the remains of Christians buried more than 1,600 years ago. The foundations of a wooden mausoleum were found, suggesting that some of the dead may have been of high status.

"We believe these burials took place between AD 300 and 360," said Ian Meadows, of Northamptonshire Archaeology, describing the discovery near Ketton as exceptional and exciting. The 30 skeletons were found with their feet due east so that, at the Day of Judgment, they would rise to face Jerusalem. Christianity became an official religion of the Roman Empire after the conversion of Emperor Constantine in 312, and the burials are believed to date from this early period of Romano-British Christianity.

Metal detectors did not show any grave goods, another indication that the burials were Christian. "When these communities evolved from pagan times to Christianity, they ceased to bury people with artefacts," said Mr Meadows. Many of the skeletons were of children, who in pagan times would often not have had a formal burial, he added.

A display at the quarry is planned for June 26-28.

£350,000 des res: suit zookeepers

BY CLAUDIA JOSEPH

PROSPECTIVE buyers of a £350,000 four-bedroom bungalow nestling in the picturesque Malvern Hills in Worcestershire will face a task far more challenging than tending its four acres of landscaped gardens — they will have to take over the running of its children's zoo.

Chris Cox, who bought the house with his wife, Judith, 16 years ago and opened Malvern Children's Zoo the following year, said: "I can't do this job forever. It's 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"But I am keen that the zoo should be kept going so I will be looking for someone who wants to take on the job and is capable of doing so. It is a beautiful part of the world to live in and I'm sure whoever comes here will be very happy."

Mr Cox, 46, now owns 100 species of animals, including snakes, wallabies, monkeys, porcupines, parrots, owls and a pot-bellied pig. But he is hoping to hand over the reins to another zookeeper and move somewhere else with his wife, 43, and their children, Oliver, 13, and Lauren, 10.

His first priority after the move is to take a four-month working holiday in Thailand to help to save the country's threatened population of gibbons.

The new owners will have to have experience with animals and apply for a licence to run the zoo, which is open to the public.

"They wouldn't have to be professional zookeepers or anything like that," Mr Cox said. "But some experience with animals is needed. I can stay and give them some training and guidance until they're ready to go solo.

"It is a fantastic way of life and I'm sure whoever takes over will love it. It is quite hard work looking after so many animals, but it's very rewarding and thoroughly enjoyable. It certainly beats having a proper job."

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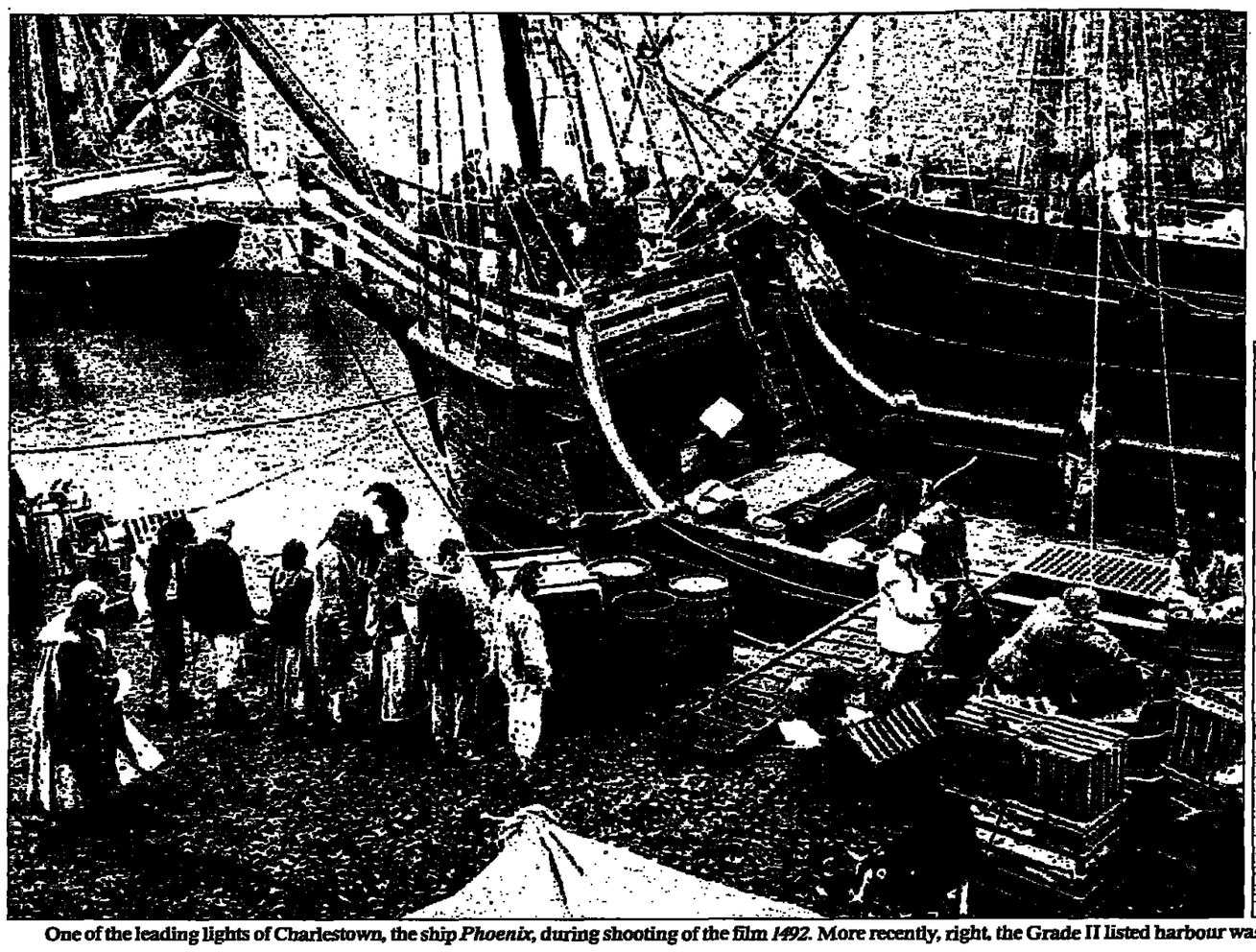
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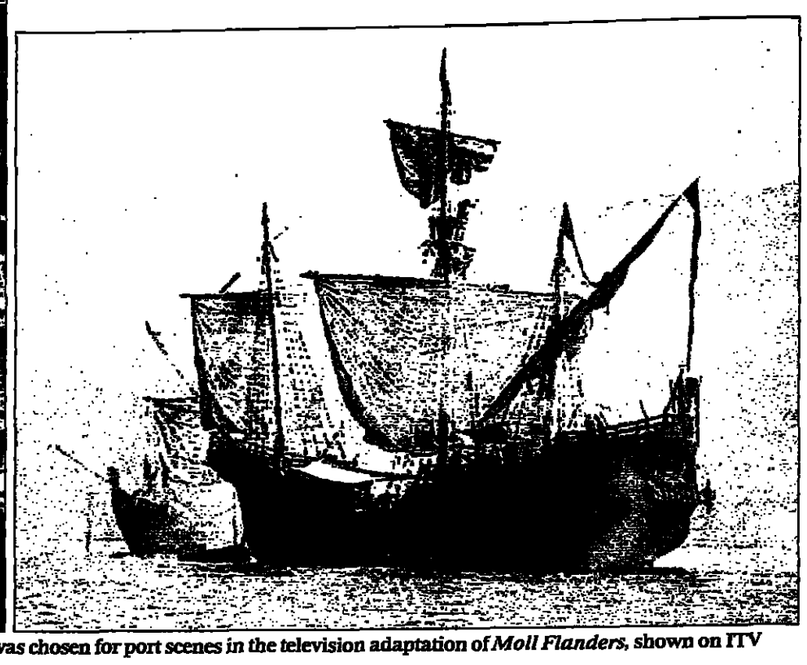
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One of the leading lights of Charlestown, the ship *Phoenix*, during shooting of the film *1492*. More recently, right, the Grade II listed harbour was chosen for port scenes in the television adaptation of *Moll Flanders*, shown on ITV

Leading ladies lure film crews to backwater

When recession set in, the fortunes of a Cornish port took a dramatic turn, reports **Simon de Bruxelles**

FEW will have visited the tiny Cornish port of Charlestown, but many millions will be familiar with it, perhaps by another name. The Grade II listed harbour, which spent years in the economic doldrums, is enjoying a tide of prosperity as a film set.

On one Sunday evening this month, it was seen masquerading as Bristol docks in the costume drama *A Respectable Trade* on BBC1, as Chatham Docks in *Moll Flanders* on ITV and, in cinemas, as Hamburg docks in the film *Amy Foster*.

In the past it was a backdrop for *Poldark* and *The Onedin Line*. This week it was the turn of Tara Fitzgerald to tread the perfectly preserved 18th-century quayside for the filming of a television production of Daphne du Maurier's novel *Frenchman's Creek*. For this, Charlestown has been transformed into another Cornish port, Fowey, with period dockside houses so convincing that several sightseers offered cash to move in as soon as filming was finished.

Co-starring with Fitzgerald are two handsome leading ladies that have helped to turn this corner of Cornwall into a Hollywood outpost. *Phoenix* and *Earl of Pembroke* are square-rigged sailing ships that can change their personalities as convincingly as an Oscar-winning actor.

Phoenix appeared as Christopher Columbus's ship *Santa Maria* in the film *1492: Conquest of Paradise*. Last week she played *La Mouette*, a two-masted brig belonging to the eponymous Frenchman in du Maurier's 1942 novel.

Her sister ship, *Earl of Pembroke*, plays *Aurora*, which is stolen under cover of darkness by the Frenchman, played by Anthony Delon. The three-masted barque previously played *The Rose* in *A Respectable Trade*.

The ships and Charlestown harbour belong to Square Sail Shipyard, a company set up 25 years ago by Robin Davies to provide sailing vessels for film and television. His shipwrights have built a Norse longship and two 50-oared rowing vessels used by the Ancient Greeks. His latest challenge was to find and refurbish 12 Second World War landing craft for a re-enactment of the Normandy landings in Steven Spielberg's latest film, *Saving Private Ryan*. After scouring the world he found them, complete with service manuals, in a scrapyard in Arizona.

Mr Davies said that such demands from directors were less testing than dealing with planners and conservationists. Last October he submitted plans for a £6 million development project, including a dry dock, workshops and a sail training centre. Mr Davies, 54, who bought the harbour in 1994, also wants to open it and the ships to the public.

"The film business is unpredictable and, on its own, does not generate enough income," he said. "We employ 55 to 60 people and, because film-makers come to us, they tend to look for other locations in Cornwall, which brings significant economic benefits to the county."



Davies: submitted plans for £6 million project

Restormel District Council has commissioned a study of the harbour and the village around it — named after Charles Rashleigh, who developed the area in 1798 to serve the china clay trade.

Terry Clarke, conservation officer for the council, said: "We want to understand more about its history and development before deciding what is best for its future."

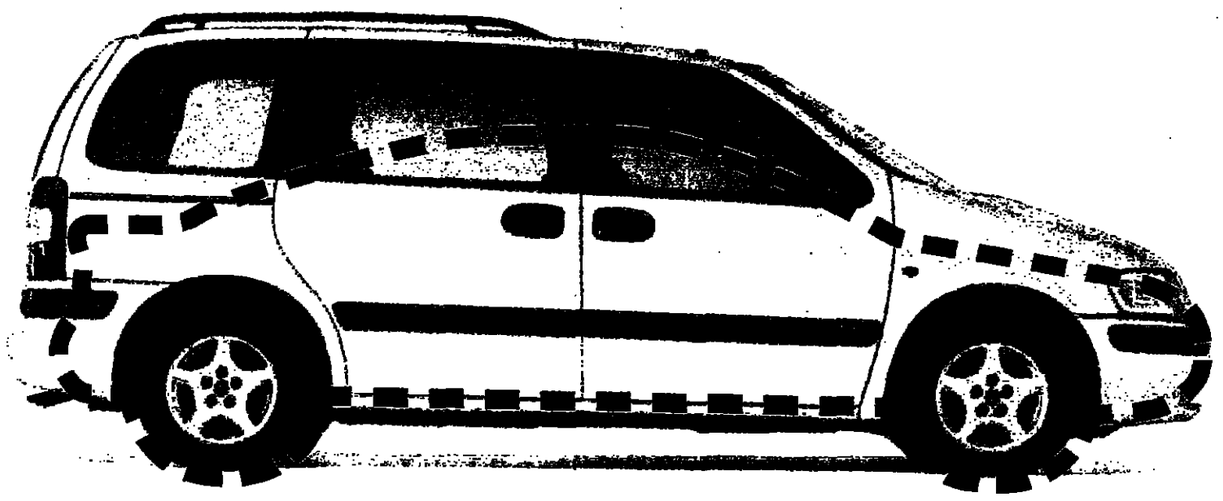
Next month the harbour will be opened to the public for the first time. Mr Davies is hoping to persuade planners to allow him to keep the sets of *Frenchman's Creek* for the summer for their benefit.



The harbour transformed for *The Three Musketeers*

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Menem: oil levy bid

Menem's Falkland challenge to Queen

BY GABRIELLA GAMINI
SOUTH AMERICA CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT Menem of Argentina said yesterday he would assert to the Queen his country's claim of Falklands sovereignty when he visits Britain in November.

His official trip, which includes a meeting with the Queen and Tony Blair, will be the first by an Argentine President since the 1982 Falklands conflict.

Señor Menem, in a radio interview, said his Government had worked tirelessly to achieve recognition of "Argentina's right over the disputed islands", and his visit was a sign that the time was ripe to renew "peaceful" demands over the Malvinas, as Buenos Aires calls them.

He added that he hoped Argentina would receive $600 million (£368 million) a year in taxes levied from oil and gas companies which are exploring the waters around the Falklands.

Britain does not accept Argentina's claims of sovereignty or its right to levy taxes from oil extracted from the waters north of the South Atlantic islands under licences granted by the Falklands Government.

Serb units take their 'cleansing' fire to Kosovo



President Milosevic is ending the decade as he began it, with a war he cannot win, writes **Tom Walker** from Dolovo

SERBIAN security forces have begun the biggest military operation in the Balkans since the end of the Bosnian war. Ethnic Albanians are being systematically "cleansed" from villages in western Kosovo, their houses shelled and put to the torch, as Slobodan Milosevic tries to squeeze the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) into a diminishing pocket of territory.

Over the weekend whole villages were on fire, the suspected command centres of KLA guerrilla cells attempting to link the western Decane and central Drenica "liberated" areas of Albanian territory. We stood among about 20 burning houses in Dolovo, south of the Bistrica River, as roof timbers crashed in flames to our side.

Over the hill, reverberating from the next two valleys south in the Decane heartland of Jablanica, Glogjane and Rznic, came the sound of heavy artillery and automatic weapons. "What do you expect, this is war," said the special forces commander, whose troops surrounded our vehicle.

The doors and walls of the destroyed houses had been daubed in fresh black paint with the Serb Orthodox cross and its accompanying historic slogan: "Samo Sloga Srbina Spasava (Only unity can save the Serbs)." President Milosevic of Yugoslavia is ending the decade as he began it, by pushing his disorientated, isolated people into a war they cannot win. Then it was for a "Greater Serbia" that could not be sustained; now it is for a smaller Serbia partitioned by the forces of demography.

As quickly as Decane burns, the fires of resistance spread in the growing KLA cells across Kosovo; on the main road back to Pristina on Saturday night we were stopped by a KLA officer with walkie-talkie and new German army uniform. He inspected our passports and bade us farewell. "He is a well-educated man," said our translator, an ethnic Turk lost in this land of ancient hatreds.

The battle of Decane has gone largely unnoticed for almost a week, with most roads into the war zone cut off and the dwindling numbers from the international media in Kosovo distracted by the peace talks between Serbs and Albanians. These have now been shown to be a meaningless sideshow, a cynical manipulation on Mr Milosevic's part in an attempt — partly successful — to get some of the international sanctions on Serbia lifted.

> "We are all KLA now. The Germans were here during the war, but nothing like this happened"

Once again he has sidestepped the world powers, and they must now think again. There were reports that several of the Decane villages were being shelled as long ago as last weekend, but the cleansing appears to have begun in earnest last Thursday or Friday. It follows a pattern predicted by Western military advisers in the area: after continuous shelling from a distance, elite groups of Serb fighters go into each village, completing any killing and then wait for the next artillery bombardment before moving on again.

The nearer the front, the more professional are the fighters. In Mitrovica, far from the action and before my arrest, a policeman who appeared to understand little stopped our car and announced he wanted to "put us all against a wall". But amid the ruins of Dolovo, the special units who found us were strict but fair — all cassettes and films were confiscated and we were told to turn around fast.

Earlier we had been in Cirak, a village 20 miles north, where terrified inhabitants now sleeping rough in woodland emerged to show us their former homes, strafed and bombed in a series of helicopter gunship raids last Thursday. Some of the ruins were still smouldering; the villagers said at least three people had died, including a 95-year-old woman. "We are all KLA now," said one tearful man. "The Germans were here during the war, but nothing like this ever happened."

The extent of Albanian casualties is not known, and there is no sign of an end to the operation. Its apparent aim is to drive the hardcore KLA units south from Decane, trapping them between the advancing Serb special units and the Yugoslav Army, which guards the border west into Albania. Given the Serb tactics, the wisdom of putting Nato troops into northern Albania is questionable; their presence might serve only to trap the fleeing Albanians, while simultaneously cutting off their access to fresh supplies of weapons.

As with the daubing of the Serb slogan, there are many echoes of the Bosnian war here, both in the brutality of the Serb military methods and the ham-fisted international response. If the fighting continues — a factor that depends on how many arms the KLA has smuggled in — the only appropriate Western action would seem to be an intervention force in Kosovo itself.

The great unknown is still the strength and organisation of the KLA. On the Pristina-Pec highway, the KLA has small units of men, mostly in civilian clothes, waiting to ambush passing military or police vehicles with bazookas and rocket-propelled grenades. The Albanians' great advantage is weight of numbers; late on Saturday night hundreds of young men appeared to be digging trenches on both sides of the road. If the KLA can eventually cut all the main roads in the region, the Serb position will become desperate.



The KLA is rumoured to be holding at least seven Serbs hostage in a tunnel, possibly in the Decane region. At the weekend, the KLA ambushed the Pristina-Pec train, cutting another Serb supply route. A Serb local government official was taken off by the rebels; his wife said he was killed on the spot, but other witnesses say he was beaten and escorted away. Yugoslav army recruits on the train were left unharmed.



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A police checkpoint at Komorane, 15 miles southwest of Pristina, Kosovo's capital

WORLD SUMMARY

Terrorist brothers hanged

Cairo: Egypt hanged Saber Farahat Abu el-Ela and his brother Mahmoud at dawn yesterday for killing nine German tourists and their Egyptian bus driver in a gun and firebomb attack in the capital last September.

The brothers pleaded guilty at a military trial, saying they acted out of Islamist fervour but did not belong to any militant groups that have waged a six-year struggle for a purist Muslim state. *(Reuters)*

Watch on Sheen

Los Angeles: Less than a day after leaving hospital after a drug overdose, actor Charlie Sheen, 32, was admitted to another hospital for observation after police stopped him in a limousine. *(AP)*

Final voyage

Bremerton: The battleship *USS Missouri*, on whose deck Japan signed the surrender ending the Second World War, is being towed to Hawaii to become a tourist attraction. *(Reuters)*

Lesotho protest

Maseru: Thousands of opposition supporters protested as the ruling Lesotho Congress for Democracy celebrated election victory in the southern African state, possibly with all 80 parliamentary seats. *(AP)*

Rebels shot

Algiers: Troops shot dead ten suspected Muslim rebels in a four-hour gunbattle, while 60 more guerrillas were still trapped by government troops in western Algeria, newspapers reported. *(Reuters)*

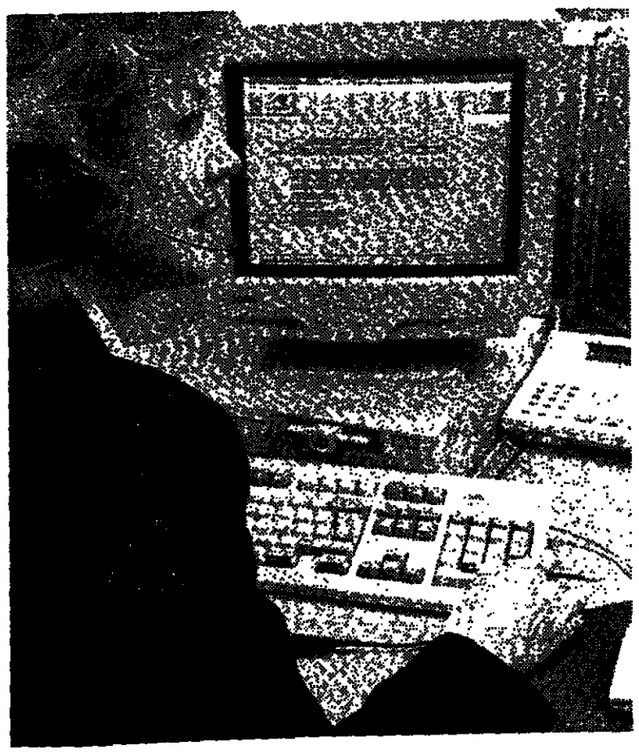
Blast kills diver

Brindisi: Police arrested two fishermen and charged them with manslaughter after a scuba diver, 43, was killed by a grenade tossed from a boat off southern Italy by a fisherman hoping to stun fish. *(AP)*

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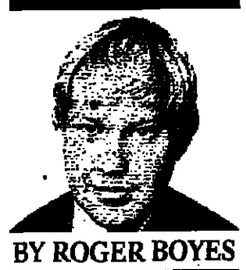
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Giving the 'Red hordes' a taste of power is one risk worth taking

INSIDE GERMANY



BY ROGER BOYES

A political party that plays host to former secret police informers suggests something unsavoury — unsavoury, but not threatening.

The Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS) is the successor to the East German Communist Party, one of the most thuggish ruling groups in the erstwhile Soviet bloc. Its members include self-confessed collaborators and compromised writers, planners who bankrupted the economy, diplomats and lawyers who defended the indefensible: a regime that shot and killed its citizens for trying to cross into the West.

This party's appeal may not be immediately obvious, but it supplies 200 mayors in eastern German towns; 1,300 elected positions in local government are occupied by PDS members. It regularly wins 20 per cent of the vote in regional elections and has a strong enough following in the east — two million voters — to secure representation in the Bundestag.

If a privatised company in eastern Germany is threatened with job losses, the workers ring the PDS first, before they contact the trade unions. Its strength as a party is its ability to organise and politicise discontent.

The debate in Germany is whether the party, this motley configuration of Dave Sparts, politbureaucrats and embittered easterners, should hold the fulcrum of power in Bonn, and if so how dangerous this would be for the democratic order. If the PDS stays in parliament in September, it will damage any hope of a Social Democrat absolute majority and might well be drawn somehow into a left-leaning Social Democrat-Green Government, if only as a passive supporter.

The arithmetic is complex and the exact role of the PDS is still impossible to predict, but Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, can meanwhile present himself as the one rock between Germany and the Red hordes.

The confusion of the PDS divides the party landscape. The Social Democrats in Bonn say they refuse to enter an alliance with the ex-communists. But there is a difference in emphasis between those, like Gerhard Schröder, who say *definitely not* and those, like Franz Muntefering, the party manager, who say *not yet*.

Richard von Weizsäcker, the former President, dismayed his Christian Democratic colleagues before the recent party congress by saying the PDS should no longer be shunned. For most Christian Democrats, this was heresy, not only because the Red Scare is their only coherent election strategy. The existence of the PDS allows Christian Democrats to argue against special demarcation lines on the Far Right.

Herr Kohl gives warnings of extremism from "the far Right and the far Left", as if they were equally menacing. In fact, right-wing extremist parties are a genuine menace — improvised groups, funded by carpetbaggers, whipping up violent sentiment against foreigners. The PDS at least has a kind of internal democracy: it has debates, treasurers and programmes that can be implemented without the help of a baseball bat.

Its policies are populist — more kindergartens, more job creation — its attitude to the East German past is blinkered, and its long-term future resembles that of the dodo, but it seems to me wrong to ignore the party.

Burkhard Hirsch, the fair-minded liberal, argues: "We have to stop demonising these people and force them to accept the rules of our democracy." By holding out the prospect of a slice of power, more established parties can force the PDS to sack functionaries who used to work for the Stasi, to distance the party from East German communism and to stop trying to make a separate martyr race out of east Germans. The PDS, unlike the neo-Nazis, can be harnessed and tamed in a democratic coalition. The PDS stirs up feeling against western Germany but this is a symptom and not the cause of persistent divisions.

Herr Hirsch is right: "As long as east Germans do not face their past, and as long as west Germans believe they are better people simply because they had better luck, then the east Germans will continue to believe that they have to vote for a party that defines itself as an east German lobbying group."

That is about the sum of it. The German political system, if it is to stay robust, must take calculated risks: putting the PDS into regional Cabinets would be a first step.

Delhi hardliner raises war cry over Kashmir

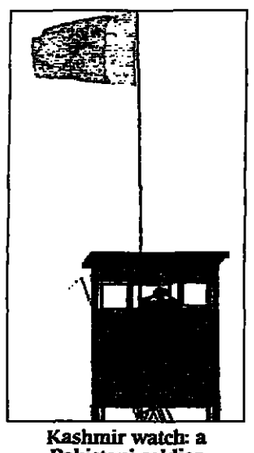
FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA has put one of its toughest Hindu ideologues in charge of Kashmir policy, signalling a more assertive approach to Pakistani interference in its only Muslim-majority state. China, which is alarmed by rising tensions in the region, said the move would "cast a new shadow" over South Asia.

Fighting continued at the weekend across the ceasefire line dividing Kashmir between India and Pakistan. With mountain passes now free of snow there is little doubt that Pakistan is using exchanges of mortar and artillery fire as cover for sending in militants to support the separatist uprising in the Kashmir Valley — a rebellion all but over nine years after it began.

Lal Krishna Advani, the Indian Deputy Prime Minister, has been given absolute authority over day-to-day running of Kashmir, a move that army chiefs and senior bureaucrats will welcome because it will end a muddled chain of political command. One change is evident — the language used by India is more belligerent, leading to speculation in Pakistan that India may be contemplating military action.

There is reasonable evidence to support Pakistani claims that Indian commandos have at least once crossed the border in recent weeks, although they have apparently not engaged Pakistani troops. If true, this advances the danger that the two old enemies could stumble into a third border war over Kashmir. Pakistan accused India on Saturday of seeking a military solution to the Kashmir issue, and gave a warning that any "misadventure" would meet a resolute response. This is familiar rhetoric but, coupled with India's hostile new language, it has further inflamed tensions over Kashmir and brought about a flurry of ominous headlines in Pakistan warning of armed conflict.



Kashmir watch: a Pakistani soldier

President Clinton on Friday telephoned Nawaz Sharif, the Pakistani Prime Minister, urging him for the second time in a week not to carry out a nuclear test in reply to five Indian nuclear explosions. He said afterwards that he believed the Pakistan Government was having "an honest debate" about what to do.

☐ **Karachi:** Pakistan's Hub Power Company said police had ended a blockade of its plant after British diplomatic protests. On Saturday, the British High Commission said that police had refused to let the 35 Britons — 26 staff and nine spouses — in or out after arguments about power purchase tariffs. *(Reuters)*

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Hungarian women in traditional clothes vote during the second round of general elections yesterday at a booth in a town near Budapest

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French foodies tackle Big Mac's selection for World Cup team

Ben Macintyre in Paris reports on

Gallic fury as American fast food goes ahead in the culinary contest

FRENCH chefs, food writers and politicians have taken umbrage over the choice of McDonald's as the "official restaurant" of the World Cup, pointing out that, since France is hosting the event, French cuisine rather than US fast-food should be the official tournament nourishment.

"There is a tempest in the kitchens, rebellion in the ranks: no sooner is the World Cup played in France than we manage to give McDonald's the title of official restaurateur for the event," thundered Alain Sarraute in *Le Figaro*. "The American chain could not claim to be representative of French gastronomy ... which has a reputation as one of the most refined in the world," he said.

Responding to a complaint in the French parliament, the French World Cup Organising Committee (CFO) has tried to soothe the wounded pride of food aficionados by insisting that McDonald's will play only a minor part in catering for the World Cup, despite its official status.

In a letter to the right-wing MP Sylvia Bassot, who denounced the sponsorship deal with McDonald's in the National Assembly last week, the CFO director, Jacques Lambert, said that most food prepared for World Cup matches would be the work of hand-picked French chefs. The title of "official restaurateur" held by McDonald's "in no way signifies it will have a monopoly or play a predominant role in producing food" for the World Cup.

Inside the World Cup stadiums, McDonald's will be restricted to feeding breakfast to journalists in various press centres. "All other restaurant services in the grounds and at other World Cup sites will be carried out by selected French companies," M Lambert said.

"During the 33 days of the World Cup, more than 350,000 official meals will be served by French cooks, who will be proud to demonstrate their expertise and defend the national reputation."

Outside the grounds, however, McDonald's is already taking full advantage of its official title, displaying the Footix mascot and running a competition offering 6,000 tickets to the tournament.

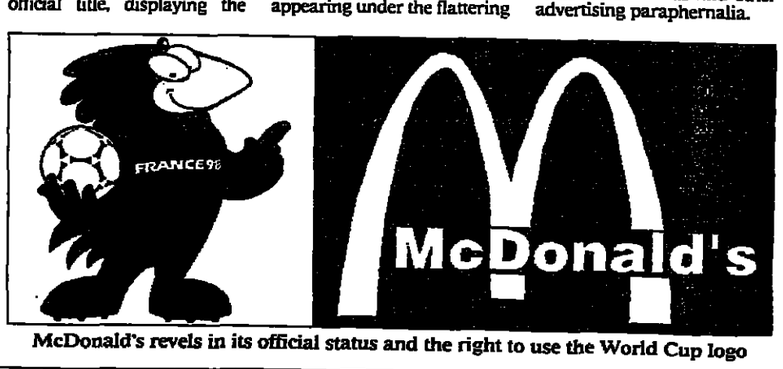
McDonald's is one of 12 sponsors, including Coca-Cola, Adidas and General Motors, who have paid an estimated £20 million each for the right to advertise in the stadiums and use the official logo on their products. Critics say McDonald's enjoys an unfair advantage in France because it is registered as a takeaway outlet and thus pays just 5.5 per cent VAT, while restaurants pay 20.6 per cent.

"McDo is playing a double game, describing itself as the next thing to a greengrocer for tax purposes but suddenly appearing under the flattering title of restaurant to cash in on a very French World Cup, which we already know will captivate half the planet," M Sarraute wrote last week.

"Uncle Sam's chain is thus going to be able to give itself a somewhat deceptive 'French' label," complained M Sarraute. The French authorities should get "the red card" for letting McDonald's pay lower taxes than French restaurants.

Sponsors like McDonald's have also come under fire for absorbing some 300,000 World Cup tickets, or about 12 per cent of the total, when supporters from abroad have been allocated only a fraction of the seats for each game.

The McDonald's sponsorship deal is not the only one to attract adverse attention in France. The huge Coca-Cola World Cup promotion has left the unobtrusive decor of Parisian cafés festooned with red stickers, umbrellas and other advertising paraphernalia.



McDonald's revels in its official status and the right to use the World Cup logo

Mickey Mouse culture 'rapes Florida'

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

THE Walt Disney Company, which prides itself on a reputation for wholesome children's entertainment — and handsome profits — has come under attack by one of Florida's best-selling authors with a reputation for uncovering unwholesome truths about the state.

The truth about Disney, according to Carl Hiaasen, the satirical author of several popular books, as well as a regular column in the *Miami Herald*, is "not quite the image we have of Mickey Mouse ambling down the road whistling a happy tune".

Instead, Mr Hiassen accuses Disney of operating a secretive "state within a state", and doing its best to destroy Florida culture and ecology. Disney has "dignified blind greed in a state pioneered by undignified greedheads", he writes.

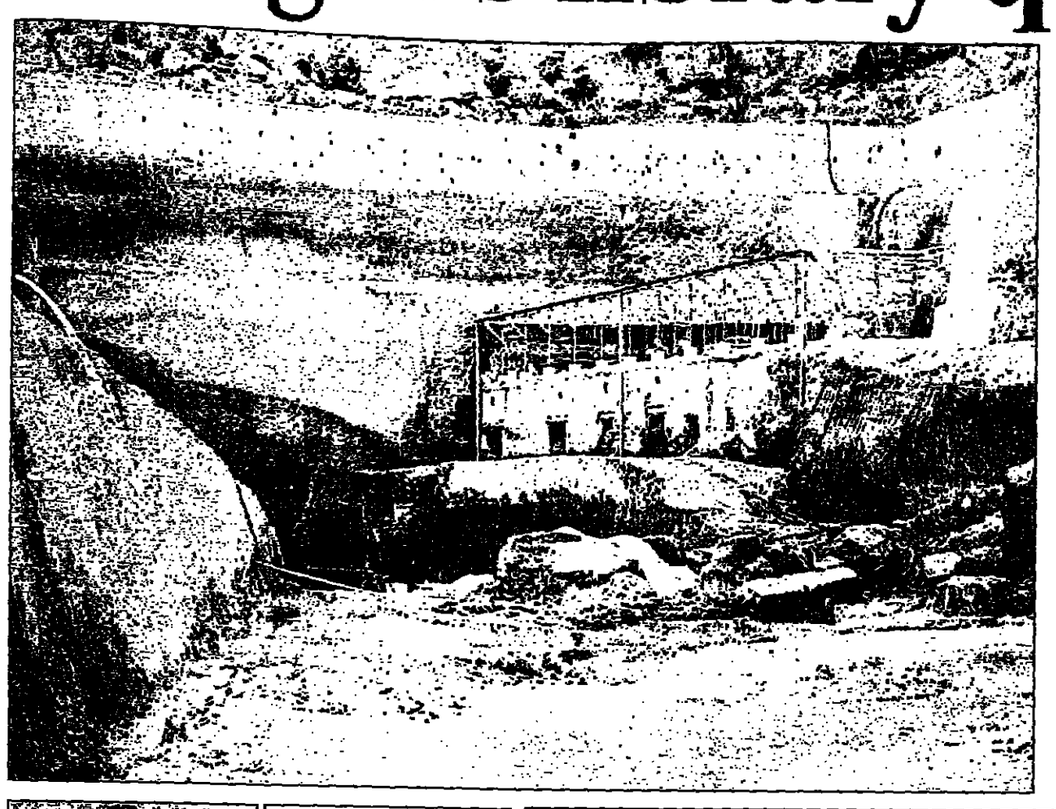
Calling for "resistance", he accuses the corporate giant of raping the area of central Florida around Orlando, home of the Disney World theme parks, and turning it into "a sprawling mass of motels, tacky tourist shops and businessess catering to the Disney tourist".

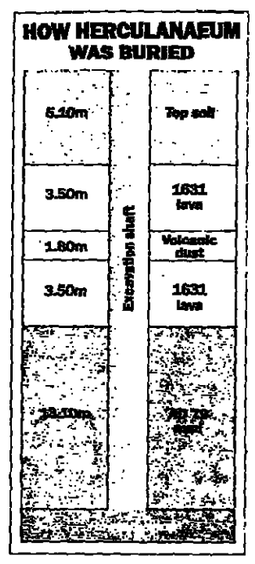
Mr Hiassen's latest work is an essay titled *Team Rodent: How Disney Devours the World*, the first in a series launched by Ballantine Publishing as part of a Library of Contemporary Thought, in which noted authors are offered the opportunity to publish long articles in book form. But Disney officials seem untroubled by Mr Hiassen's musings, dismissing the essay as "nothing new" and little more than a rehashing of previous newspaper stories.

Mr Hiaasen also examines several incidents in which endangered animals have died at Disney's parks, including the recently inaugurated $800 million (£479 million) Animal Kingdom. "Animals are born and they die. It's a fact of life," said a Disney spokeswoman.

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Knight's library quest





Excavation site of the villa at Herculanaeum, next to Pompeii, left, and Aristophanes' bust, mislabelled as Seneca's. Carlo Knight believes an international appeal could raise enough money to preserve the ancient treasures

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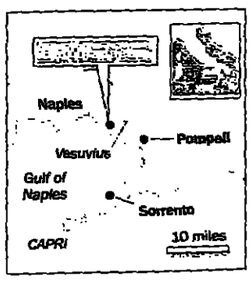
Knight: blames politics

Richard Owen in Naples tells of a cash crisis holding up excavations for missing Latin masterpieces

The tantalising search for a "lost library" of Classical masterpieces that is thought to lie beneath the buried ruins of a magnificent Roman seaside villa near Naples is being abandoned because excavation funds have been cut off as a result of political wrangling.

The Villa dei Papiri at Herculanaeum, next to Pompeii, was discovered in the 18th century. But according to Carlo Knight, a businessman and amateur archaeologist campaigning for the villa to be fully uncovered and restored, it lay "buried and forgotten for over two centuries".

Signor Knight — whose family came to Naples from Hertford as jewellers and goldsmiths to the Bourbon Kings and has proudly kept its English name — revived interest in the huge 1st-century BC villa in 1980.



He discovered a Roman well in the cellar of a 19th-century house in the sprawling and shabby modern town of Ercolano, 30 yards above the buried Roman town of Herculanaeum. The well was marked on the Bourbon-era maps, enabling him to work out where the villa was.

Like Pompeii, Herculanaeum was overwhelmed in AD79 by an eruption from Vesuvius. But whereas Pompeii was engulfed by lava and hot ash, Herculanaeum was buried in a gigantic tidal wave of mud. "It was just like the mudslide which poured down on Sarno and other towns in the Naples hinterland only this month", said Umberto Cioffi, a geologist who has been helping to excavate and shore up the Villa dei Papiri. An eruption in 1631 added a further layer of rock-hard lava on top of the solidified mud.

Signor Knight was dismayed to find illegal houses being constructed above the site of the buried villa. The archaeological authorities at first refused to permit a new dig. But Signor Knight and Signor Cioffi enlisted the help of Antonio de Simone, a leading archaeologist, and Massimo Gigante, a papyrologist, both of Naples University. Baldassare Conticello, the then Superintendent of Archaeology, gave the go-ahead in 1986, and after a two-year break for research in 1992 it resumed in 1994.

The mud, Signor Cioffi says, preserved material of the kind destroyed at Pompeii, including wooden doors and lintels, grainstores, cloth — and the papyrus scrolls; nearly 2,000 were found in 1750.

Some are at the Naples Archaeological Museum, together with an array of 90 statues and busts found at the villa; satyrs, fauns, athletes, mythical figures, military leaders such as Alexander and Ptolemy, Greek writers and philosophers such as Demosthenes, Homer, Empedocles, Socrates, Aristophanes (misidentified as Seneca), Sappho and Epicurus.

Signor Knight believes the villa belonged to Lucius Calpurnius Piso, the father-in-law of Julius Caesar, who admired — and often had as a guest — Philodemus of Gadara (110-35BC), a follower of Epicurus. Many of the papyruses found were unknown works by Philodemus.

But they did not find the Latin library, which is thought to have contained lost works by Homer and Virgil (both of whom visited the villa), Cicero, Ennius and Lucretius. "Every great villa had a Greek library and a Latin library," Signor Knight says, gesturing at the layers of tufa (volcanic rock), stone and earth revealed by the dig.

The result looks like a huge quarry, in the middle of which the uncovered atrium or terrace of the villa, with geometric floor mosaics, now faces a sheer cliff of layers of tufa and rock rather than the Mediterranean, as it once did. "The lost books are under here somewhere, with more works of art," Signor Knight said.

Campaigners say they need £30 million to complete the dig. Piero Guzzo, the present Superintendent of Archaeology, argues that the money would be better spent on preserving what has already been uncovered both in Pompeii and Herculanaeum.

Signor Knight says he suspects Signor Guzzo's opposition stems from his left-wing views (he is a former Communist) and the fact that the Villa dei Papiri project was the brainchild of earlier right-wing superintendents. Signor Knight, 69, believes that an international appeal could raise enough money both to preserve what has been found and search for lost treasures.

He said: "I don't want glory, I want to live to see the villa revealed. It is dreaming under there, waiting for us to wake it from its sleep."

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Jakarta army shake-up

The defence chief has outmanoeuvred his main rival, writes **David Watts**

IN A SWIFT realignment of military power, General Wiranto, commander-in-chief of the Indonesian Army, has headed off the threat of more conflict and set the stage for his own leadership of the country.

Within hours of the swearing-in of the new Cabinet, General Wiranto, who is also Defence Minister, removed his arch-rival, Lieutenant-General Prabowo Subianto, son-in-law of former President Suharto, as commander of the Strategic Reserve and transferred the commander of the elite special forces.

In one move he has made the new leader, President Habibie, dependent on him and transformed himself into the obvious first choice as President, should the Habibie Government prove incapable of saving the situation.

Dr Habibie has no power base in the army and knows that they have no great respect for him. Through his signals to the students that the army favours reform, General Wiranto clearly holds the balance of both civilian and military power.

It is understood that some of General Prabowo's corps of supporters are to be given a warning today on their conduct by senior army officers. The general has a vast intelligence network throughout the army, but these men are the core of his diehard backers.

In an ugly incident indicative of the tense mood, a group of Strategic Reserve troops threatened to run over protesting students with their armoured personnel carriers on Saturday night, with the angry soldiers revving their engines.

An unarmed Marines officer intervened, telling the troops that their commander had just been relieved. Only then did they back down from what could have been an incident sufficient to spark a new round of bloodletting.

General Prabowo, who had held the Strategic Reserve command for only three months, is to take over the army staff college in Bandung, east of the capital.

It is an enormous setback for someone with presidential ambitions, but the general, who is perhaps the most Westernised of the military leaders, is wise enough to know that he must bide his time. In spite of his lavish Suharto family money and equipment and excellent conditions for the special and strategic forces, he is disliked in the rest of the army, precisely because of his presidential connections.

Officially the move was described as routine, since the young officer has held only operational commands so far in his career. It is likely that he has gone quietly because a special investigation report on the shooting of four students at Trisakti University is due out this week.

It is likely to implicate General Prabowo, and the army commander has promised to reveal its contents — an unprecedented move for the Indonesian military in Java.

It is understood that soldiers up to the rank of colonel are among the 100 witnesses who have been questioned. If military men are found to have transgressed, they are likely to face military tribunals. General Prabowo may also be blamed for the riots and looting which took more than 500 lives in the capital. He is also thought to be behind recent disappearances of activists.

General Wiranto's decisive action has secured the breathing space of stability that the country needs so badly to get the economy back into some sort of working order. However, the growing pressure for democratisation will not let up either from the students or more progressive members of the Cabinet.

At a weekend press conference Ginandjar Kartasasmita, co-ordinating Minister for Economy, Finance and Industry, said political reforms had to accompany the economic reforms.

Although President Habibie has indicated elections must be held under the present Constitution, which means not before 2003, the minister said: "One thing is for sure, we need to have a new Government with a new mandate from the people. That means general elections as soon as possible. General elections should not wait until 2003."

IMF hesitates about new loans

INDONESIA may have only enough to fund a month's imports, but Asian financial leaders are still cautious about helping until the Habibie Government proves itself (David Watts writes).

After a meeting in Canada, Robert Rubin, the US Treasury Secretary, said that international lending to Indonesia should resume but only after the right political conditions were in place. He did not specify what they might be, but the implications seem to be that the present vague offer of reform is not sufficient.

The International Monetary Fund team of 70 who fled to Singapore last week began returning last night and Kadhim al-Eyd, the IMF country representative, said the organisation was ready to push forward with the Indonesian Government on the agreed programme of reform.

Hubert Neiss, the fund's Asia expert, is due to visit Jakarta this week. He will find a country that, even in its hour of need, has been unable to appoint a Cabinet representing all the country's talents because of lack of confidence in the new President.

Economic activity has reached such a low ebb that there are no containers to use for imports or exports. To export anything, a firm has to pay $150 per container to have empty ones shipped in before business can be transacted.

Democrat hails poll 'victory' in Hong Kong

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN HONG KONG

ALMOST 1.5 million people, 53 per cent of Hong Kong's voters, defied torrential rain yesterday to vote in its first election since the former British territory returned to China last year. Exit polls suggested that pro-democracy parties had won a majority of directly elected seats.

The 53 per cent turnout, confirmed by Tung Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive, was a record for a Hong Kong poll, said observers, and defied experts who forecast that apathy would keep the figure down to 30 or 35 per cent.

Chief among the beneficiaries, according to the exit polls, was Martin Lee, a foremost critic of China and head of the Democratic Party, who will return to the legislative forum from which he was excluded when Hong Kong returned to Beijing's rule last year. Altogether, the exit polls showed that the Democrats and other pro-democracy parties should have 12 of the 20 directly elected seats.

"The turnout was tremendous — it exceeded the expectations of everybody," said Mr Lee, a 59-year-old barrister. "I would say that it was a victory for democracy." He lamented, however, that his party would not do as well as it deserved because the process was weighted in favour of pro-Beijing parties, which will do better in the other 40 seats in the 60-member legislature. The system, analysts say, gives a built-in advantage to these parties in the "functional constituencies", in which there are 30 seats, and the election committee, whose 800 members are also pro-Beijing and which decides the remaining ten seats.

Many citizens have complained that the new body, which passes laws and checks spending but has minimal abilities to make legislation, would be toothless, and unable to confront the many problems facing Hong Kong, including a property slump, a fall in tourism and food scares such as chicken flu.



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Fireworks fill the sky over David's Tower in Jerusalem at the weekend to mark the 1967 capture of the Arab sector

Israel marks jubilee with show of force

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

WITH an emphasis more on war than peace, Israel yesterday staged the biggest military parade in Jerusalem for 25 years to celebrate the anniversary of the capture of the Arab eastern half of the Holy City in 1967 and its annexation.

In a display of armed might condemned by left-wing Israelis and Palestinians as triumphalist, more than 12,000 soldiers joined thousands of veterans, students and civilians in a jubilee march designed also to mark the 50th anniversary of the creation of the Jewish state, dubbed by Arabs *Al Naqba* (The Catastrophe). According to the *Jerusalem Post*, the last time that the Israel Defence Force staged such a massive march in the capital was in May 1973, when Israel was celebrating its quarter-century. Yesterday the marchers were joined by 70 Jeeps carrying military banners and Israeli warplanes thundered low over the city holy to Jews, Christians and Muslims.

"This is the jubilee and we want to link soldiers with the city of Jerusalem. We also want to show off our might," said Colonel Sari, one of the organisers. In sweltering heat, the soldiers marched six abreast and many civilans also carried weapons and bottles of water.

Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, who received moral support from the presence of the US House Speaker, Newt Gingrich, sparked a political storm by telling diplomats that the peace process had "collapsed" two years ago, before he took office, after four Palestinian suicide-bombs killed scores of Israelis, most of them in Jerusalem.

Pope keeps open mind on shroud

The authenticity of Turin's famed icon remains an enigma, writes **Richard Owen**

THE Pope yesterday prayed before the Shroud of Turin, but sidestepped the question of its authenticity, describing it as an "icon of dramatic eloquence" without stating whether he believed it was the burial cloth of Jesus.

The pontiff said the shroud was a profoundly moving object of faith, but the Church was not able to judge its origins, a task which had to be left to scientific study. The shroud, a linen cloth measuring 14.5ft by 3.5ft, bears the faint imprint of a long-haired and bearded man with the marks and bloodstains of crucifixion and flogging on his head, hands and feet. The image is only clearly visible in a photographic negative.

Carbon-14 dating tests conducted in 1988 showed it to be a medieval forgery, made between 1260 and 1390. But many continue to believe it is the cloth in which Christ was buried in the garden tomb, arguing that the carbon-dating was disorted by bacterial coating over the centuries, and that a medieval forger could not have commited such an elaborate hoax or anticipated the invention of photography.

The cloth went on display last month for the fourth time this century. In visiting it, the Pope, who turned 78 a week ago, was defying ill omens: the last time it was shown to the public, in 1978, two Popes — Paul VI and John Paul I — died in swift succession. Pope John Paul II's own election followed shortly afterwards.

Yesterday, as he addressed 500,000 people in Turin, the Pope said the shroud offered "an eloquent message of suffering and love, of death and immortal life". He appeared tired, and had to be helped as he walked into Turin Cathedral, where the shroud is kept, and where it was nearly destroyed by fire last year.

Earlier in the weekend, the Vatican moved to rehabilitate Girolamo Savonarola, the fiery and sternly puritanical reformer burnt at the stake in Florence for alleged heresy 500 years ago.

Speaking on the anniversary of the execution, Cardinal Silvano Piovanelli, the Archbishop of Florence, said that Savonarola's excommunication and death were the result of "disinformation" and "the blindness of his contemporaries, both lay and religious". Members of the Dominican Order to which Savonarola belonged said they hoped he would be beatified and ultimately canonised as a saint.

Born in Ferrara, Savonarola joined the Dominicans in 1475. At San Marco in Florence, of which he later became prior, he began to preach the radical sermons demanding church reform that made him famous. He preached against conspicuous consumption, urging his followers to burn lascivious books and paintings on "bonfires of the vanities".

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Australia's mummy of all rows

Sydney: A diplomatic row has broken out between Egypt and Australia over the ownership of three mummies stored in Sydney University for the past 130 years (Roger Maynard writes).

Their presence became widely known last week when scientists carried out medical experiments on the bodies, aimed at discovering the cause of death 3,000 years ago.

Muhammad Khattab, an Egyptian diplomat in Canberra, said he was shocked that the mummies had been unwrapped and examined by surgeons. "The doctors have no permission from the Egyptian authorities to carry out these experiments," he said.

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Sumo giant faces a lean future

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE heaviest sumo wrestler in the history of the sport has decided to lose weight. Salevaa Atisanoe, known to his adoring public as Konishiki, is aiming to trim 220lb from his 44st bulk to improve his chances of a long retirement.

At his peak fighting weight, the Hawaiian-born Konishiki — sumo's first true international star — packed 100lb more than his heaviest rival and 50lb more than the average Japanese family.

Dubbed the Meat Bomb by the Japanese sporting press, he has just retired formally after a controversial career that leaves him rich, famous and fat, but with a starkly reduced life expectancy.

While the average lifespan for Japanese men has risen from 59 to 77 years in the past four decades, for sumo wrestlers who eat to win it has stayed at 56 — and most are fully 12st lighter than Konishiki.

The amiable giant, who left Hawaii at 18 to take on the Japanese at their national sport, eventually beat most rivals in the ring and did more than any of them to boost sumo's global appeal.

In the process he consumed prodigiously, downing 70 pieces of sushi and 100 cans of beer at a sitting — "easy". Now 34, in 1992 he confirmed a report that he had drunk 20 pints of neat tequila to celebrate his 28th birthday.

At the 1992 *basho*, Konishiki won a ton of beef, 5,000 eels and a year's supply of chestnuts. Since last fighting in November at a weight of 605lb, he has lost 33 of them, and announced plans to shed another 190 over the next three years.

Klan chief 'in net'

A widow's crusade against a racist suspected of planning nine murders is bearing fruit, writes **Tom Rhodes**

ELLIE DAHMER remembers with crystal clarity that January night in 1966 when the Ku Klux Klan came to kill her husband.

Two cars full of white-hooded men sprang from the darkness, firing guns and hurling flaming petrol cans at the couple's home in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

In holding off the racist attackers with a shotgun, Vernon Dahmer saved his family but died of burns the next day.

Only now is his widow's crusade for justice finally appearing to bear fruit. The district attorney hopes within days to arrest the purported mastermind behind the attack: Sam Bowers, the Klan's former Imperial Wizard for Mississippi.

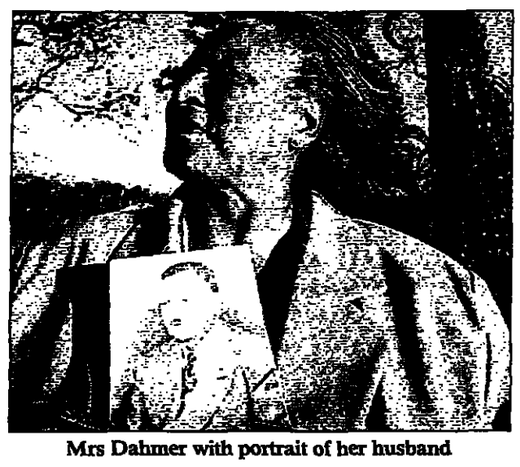
Mr Bowers, 73, is described by experts as the most dangerous man ever to don the extraordinary garb of the infamous racist organisation: he is suspected in the orchestration of 300 bombings, assaults and arsons, as well as nine murders.

Tried twice by the state for the Dahmer murder in the 1960s, however, the juries failed to agree. A federal trial also ended in deadlock with prosecutors unable to prove the suspicions of witness-tampering by the Klan.

Indeed, despite his catalogue of violence Mr Bowers has spent only six years in prison — in connection with the deaths of Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner and James Chaney, the young civil rights workers whose murders were portrayed so vividly in the film *Mississippi Burning*.

He now lives as a free man, running a pinball and vending-machine business called Sambo Amusement in Laurel, just 30 miles miles north of the Dahmer family home.

In the three decades since the night of her husband's death, Mrs Dahmer has never forgotten or forgiven the man she is certain was responsible for the tragedy. "I still feel the sense of anger that I felt then," she said. "We lost Vernon, we lost everything. It's a memory that will remain with the whole family for the rest of our lives."



Mrs Dahmer with portrait of her husband

Mr Dahmer had headed the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP) when the Klan targeted him with what was known as a No 3 and a No 4, the terrifying shorthand for arson and murder.

His mistake had been to announce on radio that blacks could register for the vote at his grocery store. At the time, Forrest County, named after Nathan Bedford Forrest, the Confederate general and patron saint of the KKK, had enrolled fewer than 100 of its 8,000 blacks of voting age on the ballot.

"For months before that, we had been sleeping in shifts because of the threats," said Mrs Dahmer. "But then it seemed to calm down, so we started sleeping like normal people, and then came the night they hit us."

Doors at the front and back of the house were already on fire when Mrs Dahmer shepherded her eight children through rear windows while her husband shot at his assailants.

When the smoke cleared the next day, the house and nearby grocery store lay gutted and Mr Dahmer became a martyr for the civil rights movement. Thousands attended his funeral, while President Johnson sent a telegram of sympathy to the family and demanded a federal investigation.

Fourteen Klansmen were charged with murder and arson and five received life sentences — but not Sam Bowers, the man whom prosecutors accused of planning the murderous raid.

Now, as a result of new evidence and a shift in the state's public attitudes, Lindsey Carter, the new district attorney, believes he can arrest Mr Bowers before the end of the month.

Tiles fall to computer's wiles

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

IN A re-enactment of the man-versus-machine battle which last year pitted Gary Kasparov against the chess-computer Deep Blue, a computer equipped with Scrabble-playing software — which has entire encrypted dictionaries and can unscramble 5,000 anagrams a second — has taken on the world champions of the word game and coasted to victory.

The ten-game series was won 6-3 — with the last game left unplayed — by Maven, a programme created by a trainee at IBM. The defeated opponents were Joel Sherman and Matt Graham, the winner and runner-up respectively at last year's world Scrabble championship.

The contest, played to mark the 50th anniversary of the invention of Scrabble, and sponsored by *The New York Times*, turned out to be a disappointing mismatch. Playing jointly with one rack of tiles, Sherman and Graham got off to a grumpy start after Maven would not allow them to make the word "jew", which is legal in tournament play as a lower-case verb. However, the corporate marketers of the software have deemed the word to be offensive, disallowing it, and the software will not proceed with a game if a used word cannot be found on its compendious list of permitted words.

The humans were then forced to make another word, leaving them stuck with a troublesome "J". They fell behind the computer and lost the game, the fourth, which they felt they should have won. After this defeat, the score line read 3-1, and Sherman and Graham were clearly demoralised.

Maven, which experts believe lacks the strategic sense of top-class humans, then blundered in game five, making a word — "huge" — which gave the pair an opening to make a seven-letter word. They turned the word into "huger" by running "avoider" down the far-right column, collecting a 50-point bonus for using all their tiles and for covering a red triple-word-score. This allowed them to cut Maven's lead to 3-2. At this point, however, the men proved to be all too human. Sherman insisted on playing a word, "zymic", which proved not to exist, and the relationship between the two partners in battle grew increasingly testy.

Maven, as was expected, kept a cool head throughout. The losers did not: after the match was over, they complained that their computer opponent won only because it got the better tiles each time.



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Veterans Joe McEulen and Tony Lava at the Iwo Jima memorial in Washington

Conflict flares as veterans fall out

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE US Marine Corps and Air Force are locked in battle over monuments to their members who fell in combat, as America pauses to remember the dead of past wars on Memorial Day today.

At issue is an air force plan to build a memorial no more than 500ft from the Marines' prized Iwo Jima statue in Washington.

The Marines are so determined to defend their perimeter that they have filed a lawsuit to fight the air force plan in court. They have also enlisted the help of an ex-Marine in Congress, Gerald Solomon, a Republican who has tabled a Bill that would force the US Air Force's memorial to be relocated.

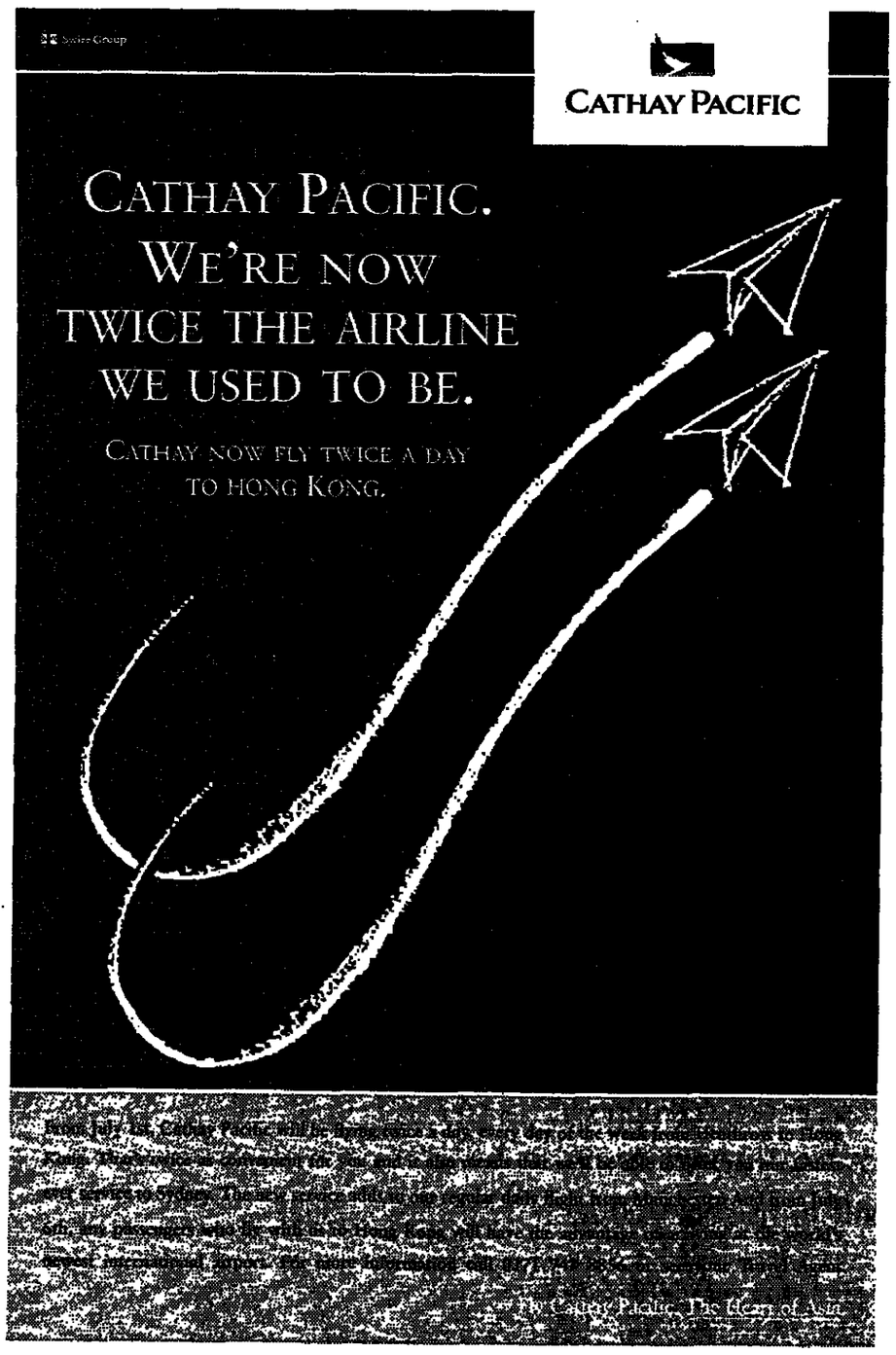


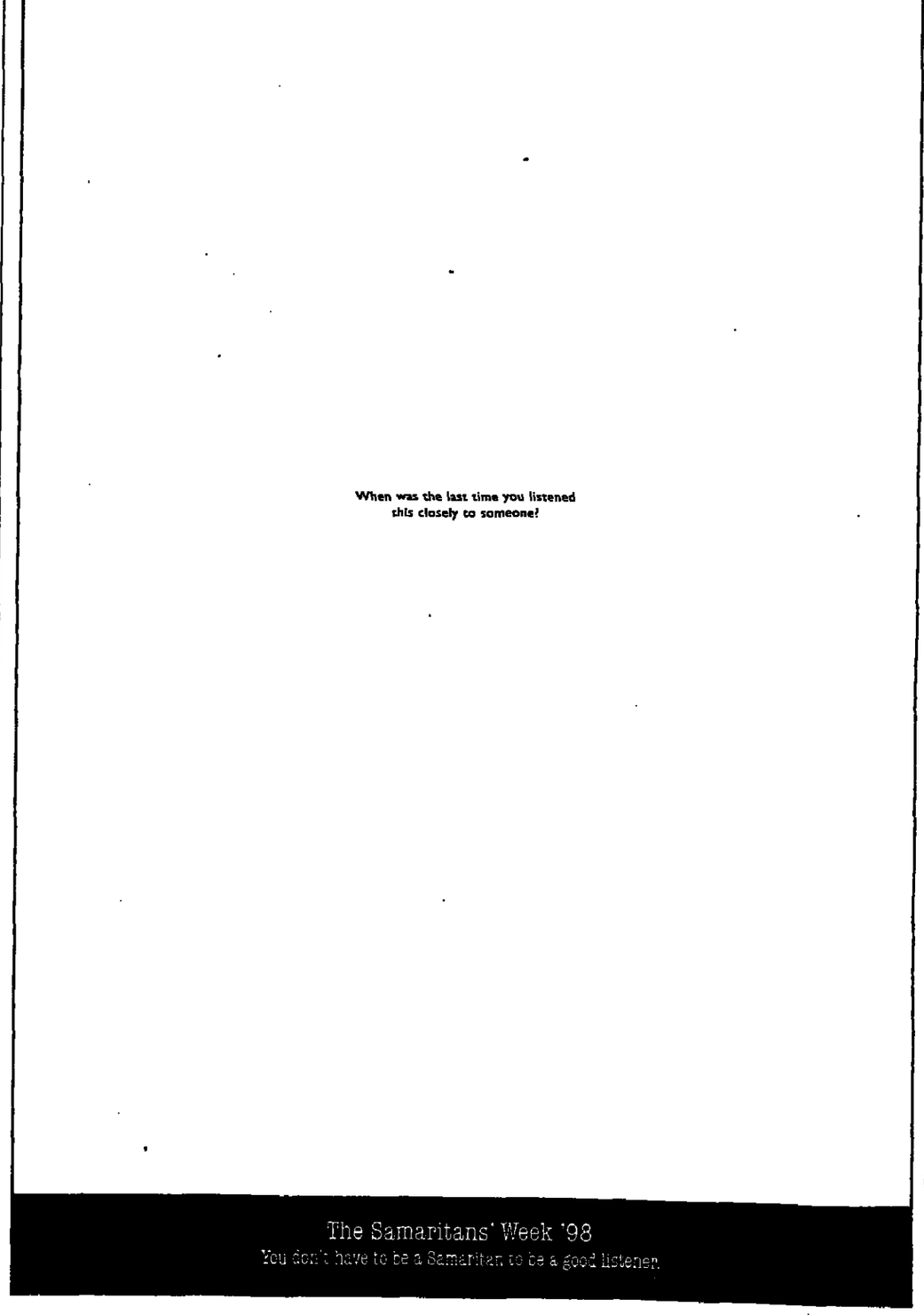
The planned air force monument and museum

"It's a hell of a fight, because our memorial is hallowed ground to us," said Charles Cooper, a retired Marine lieutenant-general who is chairman of the Iwo Jima Preservation Committee.

The memorial honours all Marines who have died in battle by portraying a climactic moment of their fiercest fight — the raising of the Stars and Stripes on the Pacific island of Iwo Jima, where 20,000 Japanese and 6,300 Marines lost their lives in the Second World War. The bronze figures, slightly larger than life, re-create the scene captured in Joe Rosenthal's historic photograph for Associated Press.

The air force is the only branch of the armed services with no memorial in Washington and its supporters are raising $25 million (£15 million) to fill the gap. As well as the monument, there are plans for a cavernous museum and visitors' centre underground. The Marines say it will pollute the surrounding contemplative atmosphere.

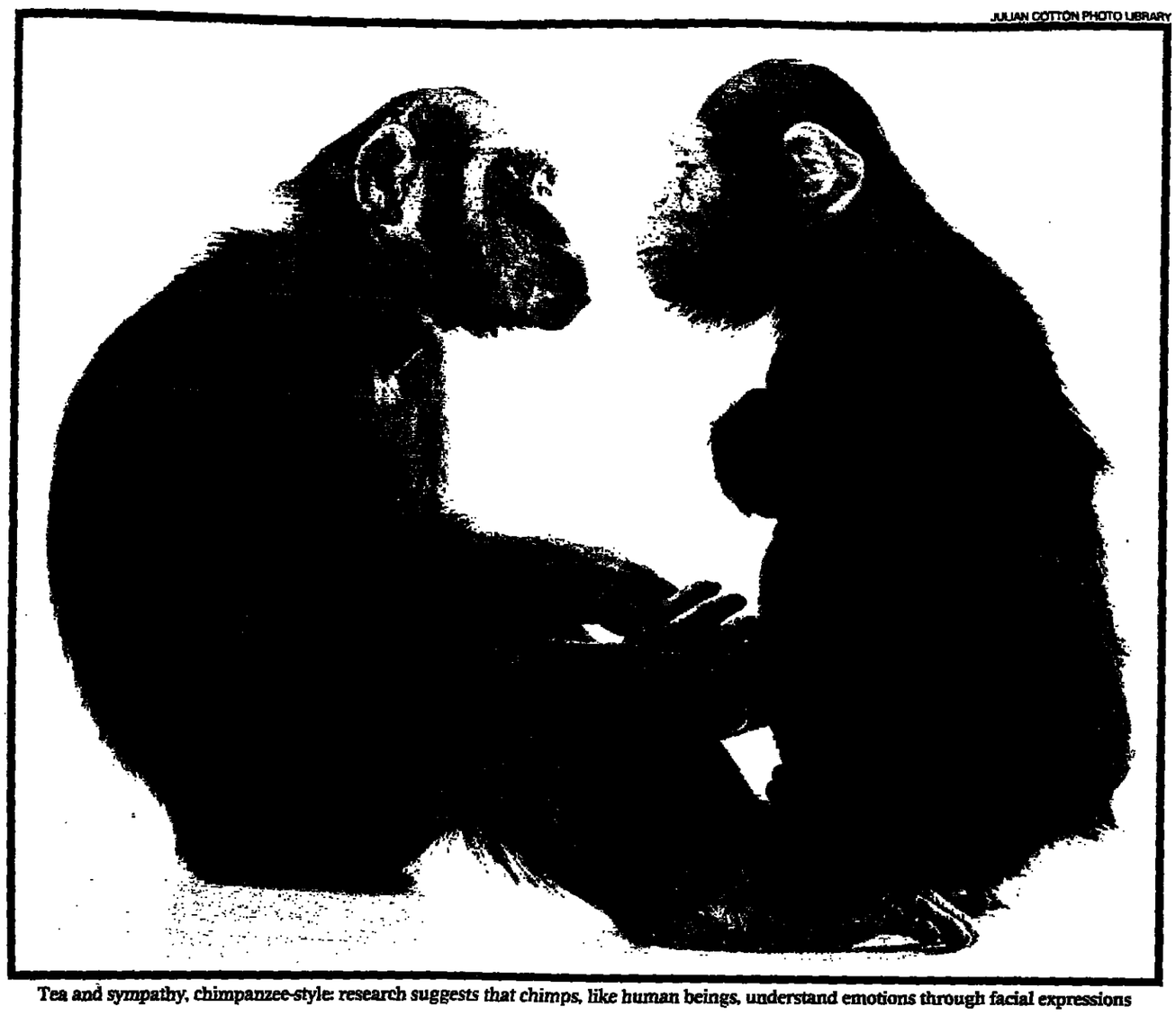




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Tea and sympathy, chimpanzee-style: research suggests that chimps, like human beings, understand emotions through facial expressions

Chimps are human, too

New experiments aim to show that, just like people, chimpanzees are capable of feeling a wide range of emotions. **Anjana Ahuja** reports

We all know what it is like to feel sorry for someone, and for someone to feel sorry for us. We can sympathise with the bereaved and empathise with the wronged.

These powerful emotions are not unique to human beings; our closest living relative, the chimpanzee, appears to share them. When one chimp fights another, an onlooker will often comfort the loser, putting a soothing arm around its shoulder and planting a kiss.

Chimpanzees also seem to display a ruthless sense of justice and punishment: if a chimpanzee knows where food is hidden but does not let on to others in the group, he is likely to be victimised.

There is one problem with discussing how chimps feel — it is all educated guesswork. Since chimps cannot talk or fill out questionnaires, scientists do not really *know* what their animal charges are thinking.

Professor Frans de Waal, a primatologist at the Yerkes Regional Primate Research Centre at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, who has done much of the pioneering work on the behaviour of chimpanzees and bonobos (pygmy chimpanzees), hopes to change that. Together with a student, Lisa Parr, he is devising experiments that will test for the existence of emotions without the need for language.

One such test will use the same principles as the lie detector — when we fib, our bodies give us away. Delicate changes in physiology, such as skin conductance and blood pressure, can often expose the tiniest of deceits.

"The body controls certain physiological factors through emotional circuits," says Parr. "Small twitches in facial muscles can also give you away. For example, if you watch an amusing video, it might not make you laugh, but there might be small movements in the muscles that control smiling."

> Chimps, like people, place the most emphasis on the eyes

The valuable thing about bodily changes is that they happen automatically without the subject of study being aware of them — which makes it an ideal approach for animals.

It seems that chimps, like human beings, understand emotions through facial expressions. In a paper to be published in the *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, Parr, whose work is funded by the National Science Foundation, reveals that chimps are extraordinarily good at recognising and discriminating between faces. Success is rewarded with a slug of grape juice.

"If you show them a sample face, and then show them two more faces, one of whom is the original animal from a different angle, they can pick it out very quickly," she says. "It proves that they really pay attention to faces, which backs up what many years of observational study have suggested." Monkeys and baboons do not appear to recognise faces as well, but that could be because it is harder to train them to use joysticks.

Chimps can also categorise facial expressions. If computer images of screaming chimps are mixed in with other face pictures, the animals being tested can pick them out. The chimps seem aware that there is a common thread that links pictures of their unhappy peers. Like most human beings, chimps also place the most emphasis on the eyes. When these are blacked out the chimps become confused.

Why are these animals so good at classifying emotions? Could it be, Parr suggests, that they are actually imagining the emotion that is being depicted?

People certainly do — we wince when we see, say, a schoolboy being rapped on the knuckles. This is where the physiological monitoring will come in — any changes in skin conductance will indicate that the chimp is having an emotional experience, and that it is literally capable of empathy (defined as the "power of understanding and imaginatively entering another person's feelings").

Another issue is whether chimps have a capacity for juggling very complex emotions. For example, we do not always act on our feelings, which implies that two or more emotions are at play. "Our feelings about empathy and sympathy are very elaborate," says Parr. "We don't always rush to help someone who is upset or in trouble." She wants to see if she can train the chimps to act in a non-empathetic way, too — if they can be made to overrule their instincts, they will be nearer to human beings in terms of social intelligence.

This raises fascinating questions about human morality, says Professor de Waal, whose book *Good-Natured* challenged the Darwinian view that people and animals are driven by selfishness. In fact, he says, many species, including human beings, elephants and dolphins, rely on cooperative behaviour.

"I think there are two pillars of morality," he says. "The first is the ability to empathise with others and the second is reciprocity, by which we do favours for each other. If you are unable to comprehend these concepts, then that raises questions about your capacity to be moral."

Empathy through "mood transmission" is present in very young children — if a toddler begins to cry, it is a safe bet that, before long, the entire nursery will be sobbing in unison. A more sophisticated form of empathy develops later; it involves being able to imagine stepping into someone else's shoes.

Bonobos share this with human beings; once, Professor de Waal recalls, a male bonobo was watching bonobo infants playing in a moat when a man arrived. The bonobo thought that the man was going to fill the moat with water: "The adult chimp yelled at the moat-filler because he knew that the infants would be in danger. He was able to adopt their perspective."

Professor de Waal is devising intriguing experiments to test related emotions, such as whether chimps are able to forgive, and whether they can act as peacemakers.

"For example, if two chimps have a fight, we can study how the opponents view each other the day after," he says. "We can obtain some idea of their feelings simply by examining how long they look at each other."

By the end of the experiments, scientists should have a clearer idea about the emotional depths of these marvellous creatures. However, as chimpanzees share 98 per cent of our genes, the Yerkes research will also bring an insight into why we have come to lead such rich emotional lives.

"Emotions are thought to have evolved as adaptive responses," Parr says. "So when we are fearful we run away from danger.

"If we find out how emotions influence the behaviour of chimpanzees, we can learn about why and how emotions evolved in human beings."

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SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

EFFORTS to control global warming have concentrated on carbon dioxide, but there are far more potent global warming gases. Levels of methane in the atmosphere have more than doubled since pre-industrial times, and over the next half century a given mass of methane, released now, would have 50 times the warming effect of the same mass of carbon dioxide.

Computer models of global warming, such as those of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), indicate that methane levels will continue to rise, doubling by 2100.

In 1992, however, something unexpected happened. Methane levels actually fell. Many explanations were advanced for this blip in the trend, including the eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines and the collapse of the Soviet Union. Pinatubo could have had this effect by reducing levels of ozone in the stratosphere, allowing more ultraviolet light to reach the lower atmosphere, where it breaks up methane. The Soviet collapse could have caused a decline in the use of methane in the form of natural gas, and a consequent decline in leakage.

Everybody expected the rise to resume, and to an extent it has. But according to measurements made by Dr Edward Dlugokencky of the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and colleagues from the University of Colorado, the rise is much slower. If this trend continues, methane levels may soon stabilise, with huge implications for future global warming. Dr Dlugokencky's results were presented at last December's meeting of the American Geophysical Union, but failed to make much of a splash. This may be because atmospheric scientists find them hard to believe.

Their doubts are understandable. Methane comes from agriculture, natural gas production, coalmining, wetlands and rotting rubbish in landfills — and all these continue more or less as before. But Dr Dlugokencky suggests that what is happening is that the atmosphere is approaching equilibrium. Natural processes break down methane — its lifetime in the atmosphere is about ten years — and at the levels now reached, these processes are destroying nearly as much each year as is released. If so, a true balance, with no further increase in methane, may not be far away.

Dr Inez Fung, an atmospheric scientist from the University of Victoria in British Columbia, told *Scientific American* that the figures were "spectacular data" but that nobody really understood what they meant. She thinks it is too soon to celebrate because the upward trend may soon accelerate again. If it has not done so in the next ten years, she says, "I would be ecstatic".

Dr David Schimel of the National Centre for Atmospheric Research, one of the authors of the 1995 IPCC report, told the magazine that assumptions about methane made at that time were based on old data. He says the slowing growth of methane is "definitely good news".

Human hair mop for oil spills



AN ALABAMA hairdresser has used his wife's tights and his son's paddling pool to make an intriguing discovery. Philip McCrory, who trims hair in Madison, was watching TV coverage of the 1989 oil spill in Alaska when he saw an otter being rescued. Its fur was saturated with oil, and he wondered if human hair would also trap it.

He stuffed five pounds of hair from his salon into a pair of tights, filled his son's paddling pool with water, then added motor oil. He found that the oil was adsorbed on to the surface of the hair and could be recovered by squeezing the tights out. A patent search showed that while people had used wool and duck feathers in the same way, nobody had used human hair. "I realised I had found a commercial use for what's really a waste product," he says. "Tons of human hair are thrown into landfills every day."

His idea is being developed by the US space agency at Nasa's Marshall Space Flight Centre in Huntsville. Initial tests have proved remarkably effective — a gallon of oil can be adsorbed in less than two minutes.

Crabs use worms as role models



LAND crabs are the worms of the Costa Rican rainforest, according to an ecologist from the University of Michigan, Pete Sherman.

Sherman was wandering through the forest one day on the Osa Peninsula on the Pacific Coast when he came across a huge expanse of forest with no leaves on the ground. He also noticed a lot of large holes, and when he dug into one of them he found a land crab, *Gegarcinus quadratus*. Other holes also contained crabs.

Observation during the night revealed a striking scene. The 8in crabs surface from their burrows in huge numbers — 24,000 an acre, he estimates — and forage for dead leaves, fruit and seedlings. They take these home with them, carrying the nutrients to the bottom of their 3ft burrows. By providing food for deeper-rooted trees, the crabs determine the whole ecology of the forest.

In other environments the same niche is occupied by worms or termites. Sherman told the American magazine *Discover*. There are few worms in the tropical forests of the New World, therefore the crabs have taken over their role.

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Return of the great white hope

All the best white shirts hide a very clever cut, says Style Editor **Grace Bradberry**





Some items of clothing seem so simple and so basic that they are hardly worth mentioning. The white shirt is definitely one of them, so to say that it's making a comeback may sound ludicrous. Among the fashion pack it's true, however. The white shirt hasn't been particularly in vogue (or in *Vogue* for that matter). This summer sees its return.

If you haven't heard much of a song and dance about it so far, that is probably because designers played it so low-key, slipping it surreptitiously into their catwalk shows. Peasant idylls, Edwardian costume dramas, workers' revolutionary party parades and minimalist presentations — they all contained a white shirt somewhere or other.

Karl Lagerfeld at Chanel came up with one of the key white shirt looks, teaming his with a black jacket, black beret, and a long black turn-of-the-century skirt — a reminder that Coco Chanel was one of the first designers to promote the white shirt as an expression of female emancipation.

The white shirt is also a favourite of fashion's avant-garde. Helmut Lang, Comme des Garçons and Yohji Yamamoto have all made it their own. Lang's have slits in the sleeves or extra attachments, while Comme's spring/summer collection was virtually all white, with shirts splaying into ruffled bibs. Yohji Yamamoto does racks and racks of the things.

No matter what the style of the best white shirts, they all have one thing in common: they are apparently very simple, but are ingeniously cut.

This is true of the Dirk Bikkembergs shirt shown here, which manages to be both classic and avant-garde. Bikkembergs is one of the Antwerp Six, an unofficial grouping of Belgian designers that includes Ann Demeulemeester, Dries Van Noten and the intimidatingly conceptual Martin Margiela.

Better known for his menswear, Bikkembergs began designing a women's wear line in 1993. This wraparound shirt with deep V neck has the strong, uncompromising cut associated with the designer, but it's also versatile. We've put it with a long, lean skirt by Agnès B that has an Edwardian line but also a grey, utilitarian edge. The shirt would look equally good with slim, cropped pants for a 1950s movie star image. For something less dramatic, but still edgy, the New York designer Daryl K is a good bet.

Her clothes are all designed for urban living, and move easily from day to night, as long as you don't need anything too formal. This white shirt looks great as part of what you might call a uniform look — straight-leg trousers in grey, black or khaki, or slim skirts in similar colours.

In a similar utilitarian (but less urban-combat) vein, Agnès B is always a good place to go. This chic French chain probably does more white shirts than any other high street store, and they are all hard-wearing and immaculately cut, which justifies the relatively high price tags.

There is also the rustic option, with smocking, drawstrings and loose white muslins giving a *Cider with Rosie* feel: the Whistles shirt feels great to wear and will not cling on hot days.

In case you haven't heard of it, Toast is a new mail-order catalogue launched in 1997 by James and Jessica Seaton, the husband and wife team behind the designer knitwear label J & J Seaton. Their original idea was for chic pyjamas that could be worn in bed and around the house. Now they design a range of loose, simple clothes that allow you to slob around in style, as well as matching linen sheets in case you want to blend in with the bed on lazy Sundays.







TOP LEFT: Shirt, £135, by Dirk Bikkembergs, Harvey Nichols (0171-235 5000); skirt, £98, Agnès B; choker, £510, Erickson Beamon, 38 Elizabeth Street, London SW1 (0171-259 0202)

TOP RIGHT: Shirt, £42, and trousers, £59, both by Toast (mail order 01558-66 88 00).

BOTTOM LEFT: Smocked shirt, £130, and clamdiggers, £95, both by Whistles, 12 St. Christopher's Place, W1 (0171-487 4484)

BOTTOM CENTRE: Shirt, £70, skirt, £73, and cardigan, all by Agnès B, 111 Fulham Road, SW3 (0171-225 3477)

BOTTOM RIGHT: Cotton shirt, £120, by Daryl K, K-189, from Browns, 24 South Molton Street, W1 (0171-491 7833)

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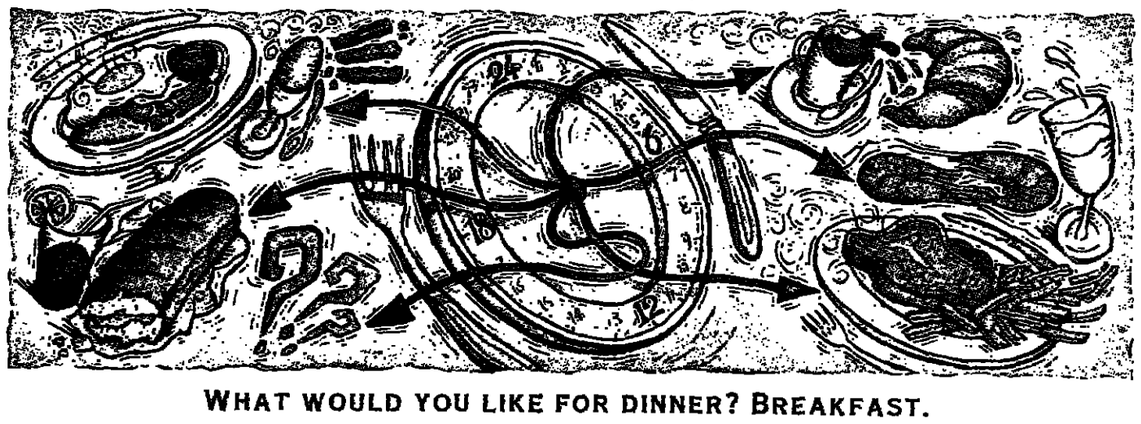
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Why even Gordon has to party

Networking can prove to be a bit expensive but if you're a Chancellor it can pay off in the end, says **Grace Bradberry**

Just over a year ago a rather dour Scottish bachelor with a love of trawler watching (yes, exactly as it sounds, this man enjoyed spotting commercial vessels through a pair of binoculars), sat in his square sitting room, in his square house and remarked: "I don't like formal dinners or social activities in general." No one was a bit surprised.

Yet within months a remarkable transformation had taken place. Though by day he remained the man with the padlocked sporran, by night the lock would spring open. Suddenly champagne and salmon would flow forth at his behest. Then, as the room filled with flattered guests, some of whom he had never even met, he would move amoung them. In the words of Alan Jay Lerner: "Oozing charm from every pore. He oiled his way around the floor."

Gordon Brown, You Did It. You are still doing it. You can, you have, you will throw parties, even though you hate them. The parties are reported to be good ones, despite the large number of constituency chairmen on the guest list. (They are the ones who will eventually vote in the next leadership election.)

What a wonderful irony that the man who was so convincingly tightfisted that the middle classes felt safe to vote Labour, the man who is prepared to live with Norma Major's taste in soft furnishings because it would be extravagant to do otherwise, should be pouring his salary away into fluted glasses when he doesn't even like small talk. This weekend it was estimated that Brown has spent a staggering £12,000 of his own money on this junketing. He earns £100,000. Even City traders would call that reckless.

Brown knows what he's doing though. He has discovered, like so many before him, that graft and grind, high seriousness, rigorous professional networking, even public popularity, will get you only so far. After that you have to go to parties (lots of them), but even that is not enough. You also have to throw them. Brown has invited every new Labour MP to No 11. He has invited most of the political editors, with their wives, and, though not to the same event, a veritable picket line of union leaders. He has even invited the grass roots to sprout up on his lawn. There have been either a dozen or half a dozen of these bashes since Christmas (half a dozen is the official line), and for each one Brown has had to pay for specialist catering firms with security clearance.

There is a marked difference between Brown's parties and those thrown by Tony Blair. Brown throws them because he wants to be Prime Minister. Blair throws them because he is, and because the job is a licence to indulge every social fantasy. As PM, he is one of only three people in Britain who can invite total strangers to his house. The other two are the Queen and the Prince of Wales. Blair has had a ball. There are many sacrifices involved in giving up a barrister's career to be a politician. Meeting Noel Gallagher represents pay day. Scathing commentators have seen it as another wheeze to maintain popularity, but might not Blair's real motivation be more akin to that of Prince Harry when he invited the Spice Girls to tea?

Indeed, there was probably more of an ulterior motive to the Queen's recent Windsor Castle soirée at which television cameramen were allowed to film her hobnobbing with the likes of Helena Bonham Carter, Jeremy Irons and Wendy Richard.

An entire page of a Sunday newspaper was recently devoted to a weekend house party for the great and good hosted by Prince Charles. Guests were reportedly seduced by the attentions of the maid, the appearance of chocolates in the bedroom, and the fresh flowers in the bathroom.

The not-yet-great but nonethe-less-good are equally seduced by the arrival of very thick cardboard invitations to a two-hour reception at Highgrove. The Prince mingles for an hour and guests are then given a tour of the gardens before being deposited at the shop.

Without the lure of a political residence or royal house, it can be surprisingly difficult to lure the interesting, as opposed to the merely important, out to play — which is why Michael Bloomberg is causing such a sensation on the establishment party circuit. The billionaire owner of Bloomberg, the financial information company, was determined not to be a "faceless chairman", not least because his chief rivals are Dow Jones Telerate and Reuters.

Already a mover and shaker in New York, he began his social assault on London with the very un-English gesture of inviting to dinner people he didn't know. In this he was at first aided by the PR company Hobsbawn Macauley. Sarah Macauley is, incidentally, Gordon Brown's girlfriend.

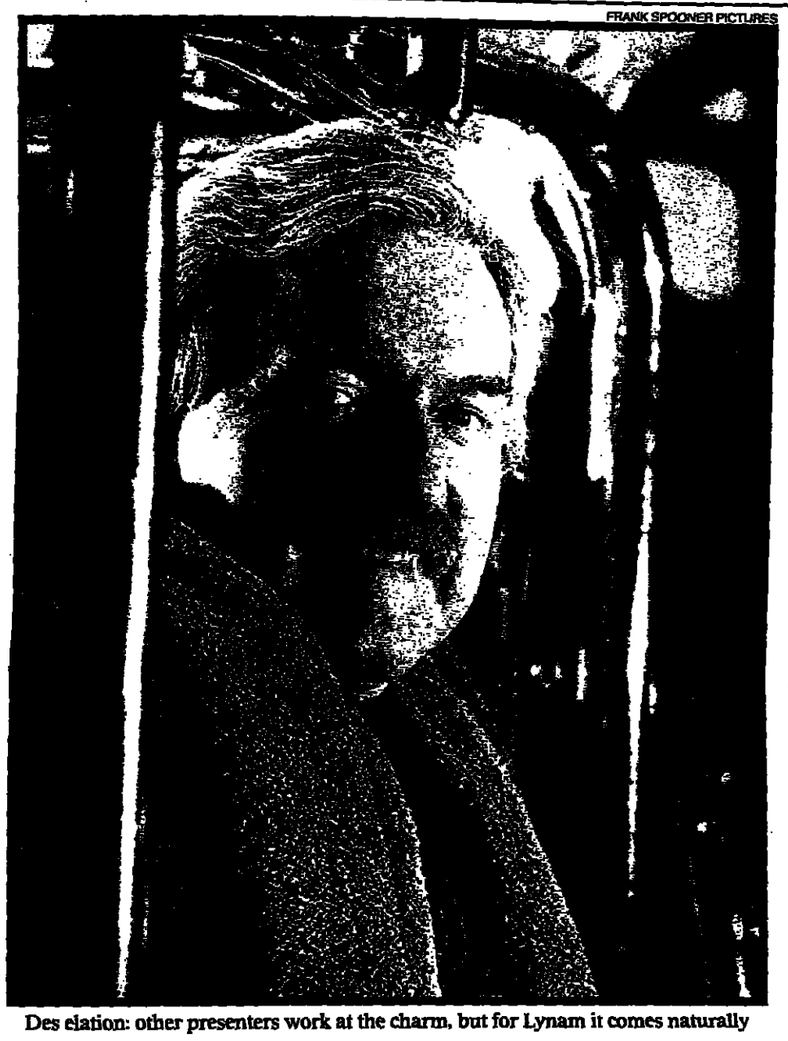
Next Bloomberg sponsored the reopening of the Serpentine Gallery in Hyde Park, thus enabling him to throw a party to which both Bryan Ferry and Sir Terence Conran would actually turn up. After the Taittinger and tomato tart canapés came a private dinner attended not only by Ferry and Conran, but also by Paloma Picasso, Rory Bremner and Selina Scott. The dinner party, at Blakes Hotel, was organised by Aurelia Cecil, the Duke of York's special friend.

Bloomberg enjoys these parties. But then, Bloomberg has £2 billion to spend. When Brown sits alone at night, facing up to his private budget crisis, he must fantasise about the era when Harold Wilson could say: "If I had the choice between smoked salmon and tinned salmon, I'd have it tinned. With vinegar." These days, even constituency chairmen would balk at vinegary salmon.



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Stepping out: Gordon Brown and girlfriend Sarah Macauley



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Des elation: other presenters work at the charm, but for Lynam it comes naturally

Play it again, Des

Desirable Des Lynam is the man with whom most people would prefer to watch the World Cup. And probably will. **Giles Coren** reports

In the Fifties every boy in Britain wanted to be a train driver. By the Seventies he wished to be an astronaut. In the summer of 1998 the male dream has focused even more narrowly: every man wants to be Desmond Lynam. While sports anchormen such as David Coleman and Jimmy Hill have attained iconic status, this has always been at the expense of a certain dignity. But Des, grown men will tell you without a smirk, has proved himself to be the Ultimate Male.

Tonight on BBC1, as if to underline the shameless hyperbole, he appears in a new romantic comedy, *My Summer With Des*, playing a character named after himself, but bearing no small resemblance to God. Gratifyingly, the show stars Neil Morrissey of *Men Behaving Badly* opposite the man who only ever behaves extremely well.

His deific cameo complete, Des will set off for France, and the best job in the world. Mortal men may weep to think that while we sit at home Des will go to all the games — but in our hearts we know that all is as it should be. Des is our friend. What makes him happy makes us happy. His female following is equally besotted — one glimpse of his impeccable coiffeur and relaxed manner and women are dribbling with appreciation.

Who, then, is the man hailed by Chris Evans as King Des? Intensely private, he never gives interviews; a ruse which contributes to his aura. We know that in 1942 he was born in Ennis, Co Clare; that at six a dose of measles and appendicitis almost finished him off; that he grew up in Brighton where odd appearances in his grammar school football team were the summit of his sporting prowess.

He then spent ten years selling insurance (who would not buy insurance from this man?), broke into radio before applying himself to televised sport and fronting shows such as *Grandstand* and *Sportsnight*. After a spell presenting *Holiday '89* he declined a second series, declaring that, "Tourists spoil places". It is this sort of observation that makes respectable, middle-aged people want to shower him with kisses.

After that came *Match of the Day*, and the rest is bigger than history. A declaration of love from *The Big Breakfast* presenter, Johnny Vaughan, the man touted as the future of television, proves Lynam's capacity to transcend barriers of age, fashion, and class.

"There have been three great white entertainers," says Vaughan without embarrassment. "Presley, Sinatra and Lynam. With Frank's death, Des is left to carry the torch."

Others would go further. A century that began with the death of Oscar Wilde, they might say, finds its apogee in Des. For he surely epitomises the wit and elegance that English tradition demands of its cultural figureheads: Wilde, Kipling, Orwell, Churchill, Burgess (Anthony), James Mason, Gielgud and now Lynam.

"Nobody can make a studio look as comfortable as Des does," Vaughan says. "As long as he is there you know that nothing can go wrong. He performs a choric role, and he is such a believable sports fan. He is the master of the raised eyebrow, and there is a wryness and subtlety to his act. At the Euro '96 England-Germany semi-final he introduced the match by saying 'Glad you could tune in. Some of you may have heard there's a football match tonight'."

Des is a straight man who never competes with the passion and excitement of his subject. Where most sports presenters are adenoidal, egotistical and edgy, Des is a master of understatement. As Alan Hansen, his *Match of the Day* colleague, puts it: "He has a great wealth of knowledge without professing to be an expert."

Women love all this, too. Grace under pressure, you see. "His sex appeal comes from being very cuddly, very masculine, and combining that butch moustache with the tweed jacket," says restaurateur Jane Lawless, who until recently co-owned a racehorse with him. "He has a very sexy voice, and he makes you feel the epicentre of everything. He gives you his undivided attention."

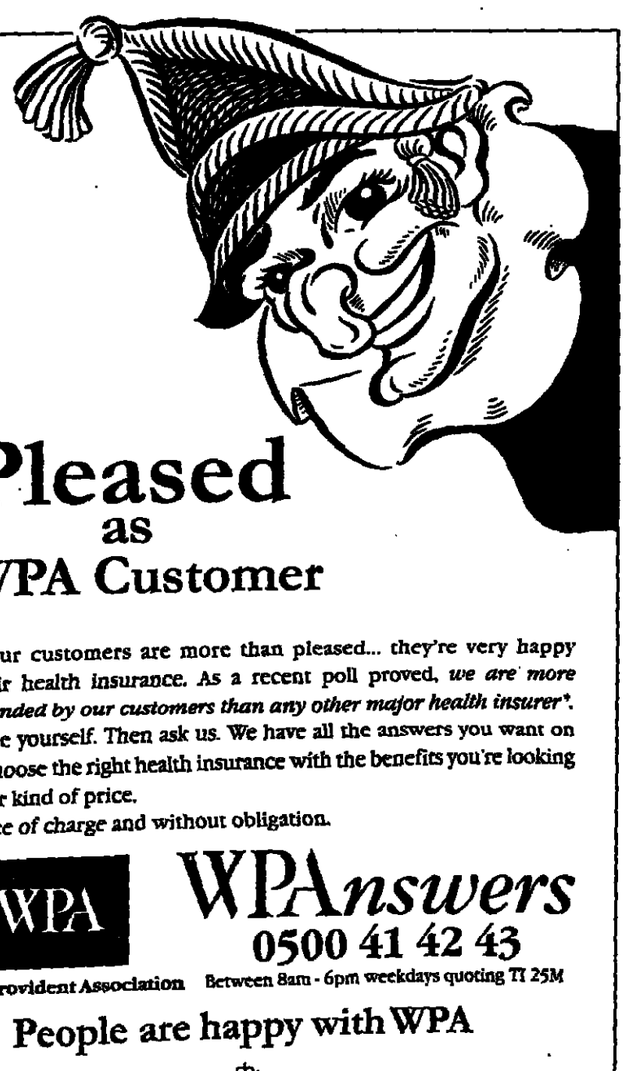
Ms Lawless also gives an insight into the importance Lynam places on sexual activity. "When our horse wasn't doing very well, it was suggested it should be gelded. All were agreed until Des got up and made an impassioned plea on behalf of the horse's manhood. Des won the day."

In the years following his divorce in 1974 Des was rumoured to have had several dalliances, including an association with the newsreader Moira Stewart. For 17 years he has lived with interior designer Rose Diamond. And they are very happy.

His detractors are few. Only Jimmy Hill sounds a word of caution. "He deceives the public," says the man whom Des replaced on *Match of the Day*. "He looks so calm and relaxed, but his mind's whirring, and his heart and pulse rate are thudding." Rubbish, Jimmy, if you don't mind us saying so. That's sour grapes, that is. What else do we know? He likes a bet, plays golf and rides a mountain bike. In the Seventies he co-wrote a satirical radio series and provided the voices for Harold Wilson and Edward Heath. He also suffers from a little eczema, though he is the last person to scratch himself in public.

During the last World Cup, Matthew Lorenzo, now a Sky Sports presenter, was anchoring ITV's coverage when Des, anchoring for the BBC, invited him to their opening night party. "He took me to one side, and said 'Matthew, let me tell you what is going to happen. They will put you up against me, and I'll win. That's the way it is. Keep your head down. Try and enjoy yourself.' He was the soul of modesty in saying this, and he was right.

"His greatness lies in that what you see on screen is the man you get in the pub — others try to fake that charm. Des was born with it."



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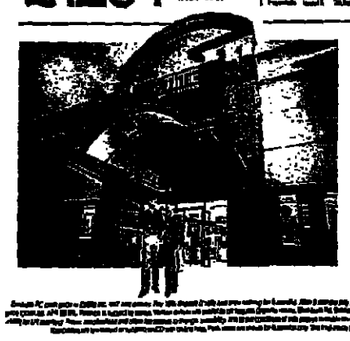
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Ulster needs the guts to go unarmed

Peace and private armies don't mix, says Conor Cruise O'Brien

David Trimble has reason to be pleased with the overall 71 per cent "yes" vote in the referendum and his own holding of around 50 per cent of the Unionist vote.

So far, so good for Mr Trimble. But as he must know, the road ahead to the elections on June 25 is full of pitfalls for him. Many Unionists who voted "yes" did so on the basis of assurances offered to them by Mr Trimble and *apparently* corroborated by Tony Blair, to the effect that Sinn Fein members will not be allowed to take seats in the new executive unless the IRA first decommissions some of its weapons.

It is highly unlikely that the IRA will agree to decommission any of its weaponry before the elections. Why should it? Its members know that the threat these weapons represent, and the fear that they may again be used in attacks on mainland Britain, are the source of all their remarkable successes, and the reason why the British Government agreed to their being seated at the talks — without any prior decommissioning, as had previously been stipulated. I believe Sinn Fein has received assurances from Tony Blair that it will be seated in the new executive, in proportion to its electoral strength, again without any prior decommissioning of IRA weapons.

Mr Trimble will have to keep on reassuring those who voted for him on the assumption that no IRA decommissioning would mean no seats for Sinn Fein. He will seek unambiguous confirmation of that assumption from Mr Blair. But Mr Blair will have to take increasing refuge in vagueness. He cannot, without undermining his reputation with the British public, appear nakedly in the role of a man who promised not to do something and then did the thing he promised not to do.

So Mr Blair, during the election campaign, will not be able to provide Mr Trimble with an adequate lifeline. And then it will begin to appear that Mr Trimble was, at best, misled about Mr Blair's intentions or, at worst, that he conned Unionist voters into believing something that was not true. Then his support will dwindle away, as former supporters drift over to the "no" coalition of the DUP, the UK Unionists and those of his former supporters who have lost faith in his assurances that "the Union is safe". And the number of those lost will be swollen as realisation dawns that Sinn Fein is about to be seated in the executive without any IRA decommissioning.

The turnout in the June elections is likely to be smaller and more politically alert than was the case with those who voted in the referendum. Some of those who then voted "yes" appeared to be yielding to a quasi-millenarian impulse, believing that a "yes" would produce a regenerated Northern Ireland. Invited to make choices among unregenerated politicians, the quasi-millenarians will be apt to stay away and more familiar patterns will re-emerge.

In the assembly, decisions will have to be taken by two thirds of those voting. That this should be so was apparently the result of Sinn Fein fears of a Unionist majority in the assembly. If those who voted "yes" in the referendum could stick together, and if they held the vote they together commanded in the referendum — 71 per cent against 29 per cent — then they would command the necessary two thirds. But it is impossible that that condition would be fulfilled, even if — as is quite unlikely — the Official Unionists command as big a share of the vote in the elections as they did in the referendum. It is impossible that all those who voted "yes" in the referendum should vote on the same side in the new assembly. The Official Unionists and Sinn Fein both voted "yes", but they are not about to vote on the same side in the assembly.

That being so, there is clearly a danger of a "hung" assembly, incapable of reaching decisions on anything. This could be very dangerous because it would strengthen the hands of those in Britain, already quite influential, who argue that "nothing works" in Northern Ireland and that it would be best for Britain to withdraw, even if the result were a civil war — as in India and Palestine — after withdrawal. In Ireland, too, civil war would result. That is the worst possible outcome and to be avoided at all costs.

But could it be avoided, given the probable line-up in the assembly? Yes it could, at least in theory. It could be avoided by the formation of *a government based on all the parties which have no links with private armies*. This would obviously exclude Sinn Fein, and any representatives of loyalist groups with paramilitary links who may be elected. It could include the three mainstream Unionist parties, the SDLP and Alliance, which between them should have enough support to underpin a stable government.

That is, in my opinion, the best possible outcome in the circumstances. But is it attainable? I believe it is, with luck. I have been a member of a coalition myself, and I have observed the emergence of even quite improbable-looking coalitions in other countries whenever the political arithmetic is right, as it is likely to be in this case.

Obviously this outcome would require the dissolution of the Hume-Adams alliance, the main motor of the "peace process" as it has developed so far. If John Hume's alliance with Gerry Adams is irrevocable, then the assembly will be deadlocked, fraught with danger though that outcome is. Nor, certainly, will all dangers be eliminated with the emergence of a coalition. But I think a coalition of the Centre, free from paramilitary alliances, remains the best hope for the future. If that hope does take shape, then I believe those who make up the coalition will have the guts to take on those who may try to wreck it with violence, and that there will be stronger support for the necessary firm action against any and all paramilitary wreckers than anything that has yet emerged in Northern Ireland.

The citizens of elegantly faded Baltimore can thank the Dow Jones for their continued good fortune

Dollar millionaires on every block

Some day someone is going to rediscover Baltimore. It has a beautiful waterfront, with perhaps the finest surviving set of late 19th and early 20th-century buildings of any American city. Between the end of the Civil War and the beginning of the First World War, the merchants of Baltimore must have been amazingly rich. They built themselves whole streets of palazzi, employing the best American architects, such as Stanford White, and the best craftsmen. The interiors are decorated with rich panelling in exotic woods; the plasterwork is by Italian *stuccatore*; the fanlights are in stained glass.

Baltimore is a city of many historic connections. Last week I sat waiting for one of my hosts in a chair specially built for President Taft, still in its place in the hall of the house he used to visit. The chair is the size of a bathtub on the *Titanic*, but he was a huge man. After lunch we went to another of these merchant palaces, where there is a Lincoln bedroom, as there is in the White House. Baltimore experienced its grand climacteric at much the same time as Britain; it is a *fin de siècle* Atlantic port, an entry port to the United States for a trade which has moved to other cities. Fortunately it has not had the money to tear down its old buildings and replace them with modern office blocks.

Each great American city is different; each time one visits the United States one finds a different mood. In Baltimore last week the sun was shining, business was booming, the stock market was high; one had a sense of the recurrent historic waves of great wealth which have made America. I was given some figures about American household assets. One household in 30, in the whole United States, has liquid assets now worth $1 million. That is mass plutocracy on a scale no other nation has yet achieved. Interestingly, the American economy creates millionaires by the million but does not make it equally easy to become a multimillionaire: only one millionaire in ten reaches the $5 million mark; only one in 100 reaches $10 million; only one in 10,000 becomes a billionaire. One millionaire in five is a doctor. America is the land of opportunity to make a million dollars in a professional career.

It is the Dow Jones index which has made this possible. The long bull market, the flow of money into mutual funds, has transformed the level of private capital ownership in the 1990s. It has also reopened the gap between the United States and the rest of the advanced world. In the 1950s, when I first went to the United States, any European felt stunned by the sheer scale of American wealth, just as visitors to London had been astonished by British bourgeois wealth 100 years before that. By the end of the 1970s, there was nothing very remarkable about the scale of wealth in America: Americans had experienced their postwar boom, we had experienced ours; they had experienced the inflation of the 1970s, and so had we.

It all seemed much the same. Now one is again conscious of the mass scale of American prosperity, of the sheer size of the class which has the money to enjoy the good things of American life: restaurants — half of all American meals are now said to be eaten out — new cars, tennis, holidays, an extensive network of small luxuries. That is the opposite side to the inner-city poverty which is an American tale sometimes told as if it were the only reality.

Of course, there is insecurity as well. There is an angst beneath the dream. Even the millionaires have quite a lot of debt. The doctors fear the endless suits for medical malpractice. Indeed, the two great American professions of medicine and law impose their own financial terror; the ordinary American is equally likely to be bankrupted by healthcare or litigation. There is also a half-

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repressed fear that what the Dow has given, the Dow will take away. By some measures, Wall Street is twice as high as it was in 1929. The universal prayer of American business is: "Lord, do not send us another slump."

In the meantime, God is in His American heaven, the sun is shining in a blue sky, Bill and Hillary are in the White House, and the Great Gatsby keeps a green light shining at the end of the pier. It may be a little too much like the 1920s for comfort, but most Americans are not willing to question this happy mood, so long as it lasts. In Baltimore, which is somewhat outside the great boom, their only grief is that the Orioles have had such a disappointing start to the baseball season, their worst in years.

In the early 1960s, Americans thought, absurdly enough with hindsight, that they might be overtaken by the Soviet Union: in the early 1980s, they thought they might be overtaken by Japan Inc; in the early 1990s they began to worry about China, and the China worry will come again in the next century. Now they are feeling that the American era is going to last their time, and perhaps their children's time as well.

They know that the stock market is exceptional, that these values will not rise for ever. It is the American lead in technology which has repeatedly proved itself against allcomers. In defence, the American communications technology, the concept of the "transparent battlefield", gives the United States as irresistible an advantage as the Roman legions when they marched along the Roman roads, exploiting the power of better engineering and internal lines of communication.

Indeed, one of America's greatest anxieties shows how far Americans belong to the modern age, and we do not. In Europe we talk about the "year 2000 problem" — the threat that computers will crash when faced with two new digits. In the United States, it is called the Y to K problem. The Americans have done far more to correct it than we have: they are far more aware of its potential scale of damage. We worry about individual computer failures: they worry about the failure of whole national systems.

The Inland Revenue Service Commissioner, Charles Rossotti, has stated: "We have a very thin margin of tolerance to make this whole thing work. There is no plan B." The head of President Clinton's Y to K Conversion Council says that US military arsenals, including nuclear weapons, may cease to function on the stroke of midnight, December 31, 1999: "It needs to be worried about." The electricity supply of the United States depends on the computer-controlled grid which shifts power from areas of surplus to areas of deficit. Nobody knows how many Y to K gaps there are in this grid. American companies are now getting standard advice to destroy and replace pre-Y to K systems rather than even try to correct them. No one is certain that the global systems for trading stocks, bonds, derivatives and currencies will not be crippled.

Listening to the discussions of Y to K anxieties, one realises how far Americans are already living in the information age, though the rest of us are not. That includes Europe; it particularly includes Japan, whose computer communications depend on the "old iron" mainframes of the 1970s and 1980s. There is a revolution in communications technology comparable to the first Industrial Revolution, which was dominated by Britain, or that of the internal combustion age, which has already been dominated by the United States. The Americans are now moving to deal with the software monopoly threat that they perceive from Microsoft. That is symbolic of their lead: they are worrying that Microsoft is too strong, when the rest of the world is still worrying that it has no Microsoft of its own.

Time, the great Tory healer

Only by playing a waiting game can Hague mend his party's image, says Peter Riddell



The Tories have to learn to be patient. Their time will come again. William Hague understands the need for patience, with the glaring exception of monetary union. But at present, too many Tories behave as if it is somehow unfair that they are in opposition: that Labour is conning the public and the media. Hence the tone of many Tory spokesmen and MPs is strident and petulant. This is self-defeating.

Conservatives have to start being Tories again, accepting the rhythms and organic nature of politics. Just as governments are mortal, so oppositions have their own natural life — going through phases of shock, recrimination, division, reorganisation, renewal, recovery, partial success, frustration and victory.

After its defeat in 1979, Labour went through a process of self-destruction that reached its low point in the Healey-Benn deputy leadership contest of 1981. But recovery did not really begin until after the end of the miners' strike in 1985. Neil Kinnock, the architect of Labour's rebirth, then launched a lengthy review of policy. By 1992 many leading figures in the party, though not Tony Blair, thought they had done enough to win. But the electorate still had doubts, both about Labour's ability to manage the economy and about Mr Kinnock. Then came the consolidation phase under John Smith, though Labour at times gave the impression that it only had to wait for the Tories to trip up, before Mr Blair seized the opportunity to create new Labour.

The Tories at present seem to be wavering between the recrimination and reorganisation phases, though Mr Hague believes he can truncate this process. The key phrase in the Hague circle is "drawing a line". His advisers joke that every speech has to have an apology for something the Tories did in office. He has, for example, apologised over membership of the exchange-rate mechanism and the failure to recognise demands for constitutional change. The trouble is that this fosters a myth of betrayal. It is fashionable now, indeed almost compulsory on the Tory Right, to blame entry into the ERM for high interest rates, the recession of the early 1990s and the big jump in taxes. In fact, all were unavoidable results of the policy errors of the late 1980s. The pain would have been felt in or out of the ERM.

The apologies are intended to show voters that the Tories know where they went wrong, are not arrogant and are willing to say sorry. This approach has naturally been tested with focus groups. The evidence is that the message has not yet got through to most people but, where it has, it plays well. This is to be followed in July by the launch of a "listening to Britain" exercise lasting up to 18 months, under the direction of Peter Lilley.

It is tempting, indeed irresistible, to dismiss all this as public relations guff with no real content. It is obviously sensible for the party to consult widely before making policy. But in all parties, ideas mainly come from the leadership. Listening and two-way processes are really about gaining consent.

The other strand in the Hague strategy has been party reorganisation — through a national membership scheme: one member, one vote for the election of the party leader; and streamlining its structure. Mr Hague's allies claim the party has done more in a year than Labour did in 18 years. These changes are right, and show Mr Hague's singlemindedness. But they will not do much to help recovery, since they are little to do with the real problem. Unlike Labour in the early 1980s, the Tories are not in danger of being taken over by local extremists. The diminishing band of Tory activists has kept the party going. The Tories have suffered because of divisions and misbehaviour by MPs.

What matters is time — time for the public to forget what the Tories did wrong and to be able to judge the Government. But it is no good rushing in at every opportunity and accusing ministers of being "sleazy" or muddled. Hence Michael Howard is unlikely to be able to inflict the damage on Robin Cook over the Sierra Leone affair that the latter did on the Tories over the Scott report just a year before the election. The public mood is still to give the benefit of the doubt to the Government and see whether it lives up to its promises.

Here is the opportunity for the Tories. Mr Hague was right to press Mr Blair in the Commons last Wednesday about class sizes and increases in the number of people on hospital waiting lists. He was doing exactly what Mr Blair did as Opposition Leader. The Government is distorting health spending in its desperation to meet an oversimplified pre-election target: arguably more important is the length of time that people spend waiting. It is on issues such as this, and the Welfare to Work programme, that the Government will be judged. When we have seen what the Government can do, and what the "third way" means, the Tories can start offering a fresh agenda in areas where Labour is constrained — on extending school choice and competitiveness.

That is why Mr Hague's absolutism on the single currency is so puzzling. He believes that clarity is a virtue after the previous uncertainty, and that he has offered strong leadership. His stance is officially described as "the healing of a wound" when, in practice, it has ensured that the wound will remain open and get worse.

Hardline scepticism is a vote-loser, not a vote-winner. The sensible course for the Tories would have been to recognise that the decision will, in practice, be taken by the Blair Government, and that all they can do is to see how monetary union develops, then react. For "the foreseeable future", to coin a phrase, all the Tories can do is watch, think and wait for their chance to come.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Not kosher

OY VEH! The controversial rabbi who shocked conservative Jews with his guide to "kosher sex" has been forced to leave his synagogue after a backlash from the Orthodox community. Rabbi Shmuley Boteach has left Wilesden Synagogue "to avoid causing the Chief Rabbi any further embarrassment" over *Kosher Sex*, his guide to Jewish lovemaking. Boteach, who previously ruffled shawls with his *Jewish Guide to Adultery*, believes that rabbinical doctrine leaves lovemaking "an empty experience with few pleasant memories": since Judaism specifically encourages sex for pleasure, he argues, followers should be allowed a little variety in their performances.



No sex, please: Rabbi Boteach

Some were not amused by the book, published last week by Duckworth. Rabbi Yisroel Fine, the chairman of the United Synagogue's Rabbinical Council, made clear his displeasure, forcing Dr Jonathan Sacks, the Chief Rabbi, to defend Boteach as "one of the more creative and imaginative talents of our community". Boteach admits he put Sacks in a difficult position. "I don't want to embarrass him or cause a rift," he says. "Anyway, the Orthodox public would only have bored me. They are a truly rigid community. If Judaism dies from the waist down, it also dies from the waist up." Boteach believes that "the eleventh commandment, which they have expunged, but which came down orally, is 'Thou shalt do anything for publicity and recognition'." So it seems.

● *TONY BLAIR has been recalling the stickiest moment of the Nothern Ireland referendum campaign. The PM had just signed his personal "pledge to the people" poster in Coleraine when a cameraman asked him to pose next to his handywork. Blair was poised to oblige when he noticed glue oozing out. "I caught myself just in time. I was about to become the first politician in living memory to be genuinely stuck to my principles."*

THE TIMES DIARY

Bird's nest

THE Big Issue will soon have a home fit for a king: the fashionable street magazine is to refurbish its offices at a cost of up to £200,000. Consultants hired by the mag, which is sold by the homeless, have reported that an army of builders, plumbers and electricians will be needed to patch up the Central London HQ. Only then will the office be suitable for John Bird, the Editor-in-Chief, who has acquired a taste for the fine things in life.

The magazine is keen to quash accusations of profligacy: "We will have to get the cost down by inviting people to do the rebuilding work for free." Either that, or they will soon be joining their sellers on the streets.

In briefs

APPLYING their considerable knowledge of underwear, MPs are to create a range of boxer shorts. Jane Griffiths, the Labour MP for Reading East, has asked her colleagues to design the undies, and ten (female) MPs have agreed. The results will be paraded at an open-air photo call next month, with Dame Stella Rimington, the former head of MI5, on hand to help them to stick to their briefs.

Griffiths is pulling the stunt to raise awareness of testicular cancer, but fears she is fighting a losing battle at Westminster. "Doctors agree that it is better to wear loose-fitting clothing," she says. "But I haven't had any response from the men. They are concerned that the photograph might fall into the wrong hands." Her own design is practical yet stylish: "There are handprints pointing towards the relevant area."

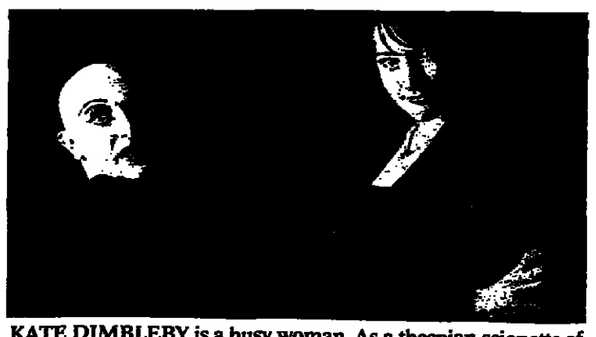


"Not Paisley. It's loud and it clashes with everything"

Home truths?

SINCE arriving on these shores from Australia, Carmen Callil has made a career out of intimidating authors. Now the most fearsome woman in publishing is writing her own book. The co-founder of Virago and spiky literary critic is penning a tome about wartime France, which apparently has implications for the Callil clan.

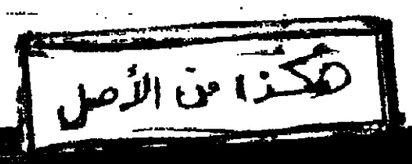
"I am writing a biography of a Minister of Jewish Affairs during the Vichy regime. He still has some surviving family members and I know they will be upset," says Callil. Her editor, Peter Straus, elaborates: "The book has ramifications for Carmen's personal family history. It is also a major biography in its own right." Callil says that she is only halfway through her work. Knowing how many writers have suffered at her hands, I hope she can hear the sharpening of critical quills.



KATE DIMBLEBY is a busy woman. As a thespian scionette of the great clan (she is David's daughter), she carries high expectations for her debut next month in *The Other Woman*, a two-person show co-starring an Italian drag artist (pictured above, left). She is also pencilled in for a play about Peggy Lee, having just finished recording some of her songs for an album of blues and jazz. What would Richard Dimbleby have made of this?

● *CHARLES GLASS, the kidnap survivor and erstwhile novelist, has suffered another little hiccup. Tucked up in a country hideaway, bashing out a new political satire called* Pagan Babies, *Glass hit problems with his computer, wiping out chapters of simmering prose. At least his rural hostess, Lady Amabel Lindsay, a close friend of the Prince of Wales and an adoring patron of literary types, was ready with houmous and sympathy. Here at Diary Towers, we know just how he feels.*

JASPER GERARD



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A NEW IRISH UNITY

The Good Friday agreement must now be made to work

Two hundred years ago Irishmen — Catholics, Protestants and Dissenters — were united in revolutionary enthusiasm. Today they are joined in hope that a many-layered agreement can evolve into a lasting settlement. One politician in particular should be honoured for the sensitive and shrewd manner in which he sought to give expression to that yearning without yielding on principle. The success of David Trimble in winning the support of a majority of Unionists for the Good Friday agreement entitles him to wear the mantle of statesman.

The cause of the United Irishman in 1798 collapsed because of sectarian divisions. The Good Friday agreement of 1998 may yet buckle under the weight of conflicting expectations: but there is a clear and emphatic mood across these islands that the agreement must now be made to work. It is a duty of all politicians to respect that yearning.

The referendum result lends considerable authority to those determined to make Northern Ireland's new structures operate in a democratic spirit. But the new momentum it gives constitutional politicians is not enough in itself automatically to overturn all the roadblocks to a lasting peace.

There are three challenges ahead. The first is a campaign for elections next month to Ulster's new assembly. Although opinion polls indicate a will to see the assembly work, there is a risk that during the campaign the two communities may polarise. Some voters may feel that intransigent voices are the best guarantors of their interests in the new assembly. They are mistaken, but they must be vigorously wooed by moderates. The success of the Scottish National Party since the Scottish referendum has already impressed Sinn Fein as a route-map for radical takeover. Divisions within Unionism could hamper the electoral success of constructive pro-Union politicians.

In order to prevent a destabilising flight to the extremes, the SDLP leader John Hume must fight a robust campaign against republicans. And the Ulster Unionist Party must repent of its recent divisions by uniting behind a strengthened Mr Trimble.

The second major challenge is the marching season. The Orange Order, after some agonising, rejected the Good Friday agreement. The referendum result will only make it more likely that the Order's members will want to proclaim no more surrenders by marching their traditional routes. Divisions between the Order and the Ulster Unionist leadership, which backed the agreement, will make it more difficult for local politicians to control matters on the ground. Sensitivity to traditionalist Protestant fears will be required if the summer is to pass without disorder.

The politicians elected to the new assembly will then have the task of making its mechanisms work. Politicians will not be able to exercise administrative powers until they have developed workable and accountable structures for cross-border co-operation. There will be difficulties, but they are far from insurmountable. A greater challenge, the third really significant obstacle to be negotiated, is the requirement that paramilitary groups permanently forswear violence. Before Gerry Adams can join David Trimble in a new administration, the IRA must declare unambiguously that the war is over. There is no indication that paramilitary groups intend to disarm. If the IRA has not surrendered weapons in six months' time will Tony Blair have the courage to say to Sinn Fein politicians that they cannot wield the power to which their mandate would otherwise entitle them?

He cannot in conscience do otherwise. If he falters or fudges, Unionists will desert the assembly. There is no third way between the Armalite and the ballot box. If Mr Blair stands firm he will do so as the popular defender of a new Irish unity — that of modern democrats against the extremists of the past. That new unity is the happy consequence of the resounding referendum result.

ONCE MORE UNTO THE BREACH

Cook cannot get off the subject of arms sales

Had Robin Cook been born into a crueller historical era, he would have survived without flinching the ordeal of putting his hand into the fire. He would simply not have noticed that he had burnt his fingers. The meeting of European Union foreign ministers which Mr Cook chairs today in Brussels has an unusually large amount of urgent business — nuclear proliferation in South Asia, the dangerous confrontation in Kosovo and the near-collapse of EU relations with Turkey. EU enlargement, a cause Britain claims to champion, is also in need of a strong political push before the EU presidency passes to Austria on June 30.

After the battering Mr Cook has taken over arms shipments to Sierra Leone — where the UN's legal finding that Sandline did not in fact breach the Security Council embargo only adds to the picture of generic ministerial incompetence — any other politician would have grasped gratefully at such good reasons for taking an away-day from the whole subject. But not Mr Cook: on the contrary, he has insisted that ministers spend most of this morning on his proposed EU code on arms exports.

The Foreign Secretary has domestic reasons for giving this top priority. Not only was it one of Labour's manifesto pledges, but since last July, when Mr Cook published "broad guidance" for Britain's defence industry, manufacturers have protested that they could end up losing markets to other exporters. Mr Cook may also hope that an EU code will help, if not to mend the rents that events tear in "ethical" foreign policy, at least to mollify his noisier critics on the Left.

This the draft is, however, unlikely to do. Starting with the affirmation that a strong defence industry is a strategic part of the EU's industrial base, the proposed code has even more escape clauses than those slipped into the domestic version. The EU will not, for a start, follow the US practice of blacklisting countries: each contract will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. There is as yet no agreement on what human rights criteria the code should lay down or on listing types of military equipment that could be used for internal repression. Governments will also be able to take into account "economic, social, commercial and industrial interests".

This caution is all to the good. "Internal repression" is a tricky criterion, as is shown by the Foreign Office's attempt to distinguish between that and the "protection of security forces from violence" — and by Labour's granting of 51 arms export licences to Indonesia. So are concerns about regions of high tension; risks of conflict may actually be reduced by arming countries likely to come under attack. The strongest argument for arms controls is to avoid soldiers coming under attack, as they did in Iraq, from weapons supplied to aggressive regimes by their own side. And that is a question of political judgment.

An EU code could make for greater transparency, by obliging each EU government to publish an annual report on defence exports. Where one country refuses an export licence, any EU government minded to sanction the same contract would have to consult it and, if the sale went ahead, to give detailed reasons. This might lessen, though not stop, poaching within the EU. But it would not affect other exporters.

These are marginal gains. Britain's own well-meaning policies on arms sales are riddled with contradictions: exporting them to Europe is surely less urgent than sorting out the mess at home. Mr Cook's code may be harmless; but it is a diversion from the grand strategic vision with which Tony Blair had hoped to imbue the British presidency.

SACRED MONSTERS

Should a bonfire be made of Savonarola's reputation?

"The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth." So it says in the biblical book of *Genesis*. And the most notorious protagonists of literature and history bear testimony to it. Milton's God, however beneficent, makes no dramatic match for satanic malevolence. Caligula, Hitler, Pol Pot: all exert a grim allure. Evil is often more striking than good. Perhaps this is why, for almost 500 years, the story of Girolamo Savonarola has retained its ghastly fascination. The savage fervour of this reforming friar, his moralistic scourge of corrupt 15th-century Florence, his "infamous bonfires of the vanities", have fixed themselves in the popular imagination. His name has become a byword for a fire and brimstone puritanism, at once vilified and relished.

Last weekend, however, in an attempt to rehabilitate Savonarola, Cardinal Silvano Piavonelli, Archbishop of Florence, declared that his excommunication and death had been the result of "disinformation" and "blindness". Such statements further support an already established campaign by the Dominican Order to have the "prophet of anti-corruption" beatified on the 500th anniversary of his death.

Yesterday, in the Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano*, the Renaissance zealot was praised as an "illuminated master of spirituality" and "tireless preacher for social reform". There is little new in such sympathetic revisionism. In 1876 Mrs Oliphant, in her much-read *The Makers of Florence*, championed Savonarola as a defender of "civic freedom and law against tyranny". His statue was erected in the main hall of the Palazzo Vecchio in the 19th century — though it has since been removed. A cult was dedicated to him after his death, and even today, pious women still kneel to lay flowers on the discreet grey pavement plaque marking the site where he was burnt at the stake. Modern historians must pick a cautious path through eddying uncertainties, to assemble a discriminating picture of this fundamentalist friar.

Yet to revise and moderate the story of Savonarola is to rob him of the very imaginative energy which has made him so remembered. The fashionable revisionism that takes the shine off heroes and rehabilitates villains blurs the characters of the past into an anodyne homogeneity. The danger is that those who made the firmest impressions on their eras cease to do so in the classrooms of a later age. Savonarola may not be the evil force of popular mythology; but, as a joyless fundamentalist and enemy of pleasure and art, he was a man whom modernity still loves to hate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Call for courtesy to Emperor of Japan

From Mr Peter Viggers, MP for Gosport (Conservative), Chairman of the British-Japanese Parliamentary Group

Sir, We all pay tribute to the dedication and courage of those who fought in the Second World War on the battlefields of Asia, of those who died and those who suffered. In particular we remember those who were imprisoned by the Japanese, many of whom had to endure cruelty and appalling conditions. Some of these still survive and we recognise that nothing can fully compensate them for what they endured.

All of the facts relating to the suffering during the war were available to those who negotiated the 1951 San Francisco Peace Treaty. Nevertheless, a mere six years after the war the negotiators decided that the time had come to look forwards rather than backwards.

That attitude was endorsed in 1955 when a conscious policy decision was taken by the then British Government not to reopen the question of compensation from the Japanese.

Our relationship with Japan has prospered since those days and now has never been better. There are extensive cultural exchanges, with 54,000 Japanese students in this country, and thousands of British graduates have worked in Japan through its teacher-training programme. Over 40 per cent of all Japanese investment in the European Union is made in the UK, promoting 65,000 jobs.

The Japanese Prime Minister has made a formal apology for Japanese conduct during the war. Bodies such as the Royal British Legion and the Burma Star Association have welcomed efforts at reconciliation, which have been promoted by the Japanese Government.

It is important from the point of view of both our countries that the forthcoming visit by the Emperor of Japan should be a diplomatic and popular success [see also leading article, "Imperial overture", May 23].

I urge that the statesmanship of our predecessors in 1951 should continue to prevail and that the emphasis during the Emperor's visit should be on reconciliation, co-operation and friendship.

Yours faithfully,
PETER VIGGERS,
Chairman,
British-Japanese
Parliamentary Group,
House of Commons.
May 22.

From Mr Roy Johnson

Sir, When I returned to the United Kingdom in 1945, having been the unwilling guest of the Japanese from 1942 to 1945, I received a letter from the Queen's father.

On the occasion of the Emperor of Japan's visit, when he will receive the honour of the Garter (letters, May 20), you may choose to publish, without any other comment, that letter from King George VI. It read:

Buckingham Palace

The Queen and I bid you a very warm welcome home.

Through all the great trials and sufferings which you have undergone at the hands of the Japanese, you and your comrades have been constantly in our thoughts. We know from the accounts we have already received how heavy those sufferings have been. We know also that these have been endured by you with the highest courage.

We mourn with you the deaths of so many of your gallant comrades.

With all our hearts, we hope that your return from captivity will bring you and your families a full measure of happiness, which you may long enjoy together.

George R.I.

Yours sincerely,
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May 22.

From Mr Robert Stone

Sir, Are those Japanese who are so opposed to the cancellation of debt for developing countries (report, May 18) the same Japanese who have yet to pay their own country's debt to British PoWs?

Yours faithfully,
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May 23.

Coleridge's colours

From Mr Reggie Watters

Sir, Simon de Bruxelles's intriguing suggestion (report, May 16) that the 18th-century decor newly discovered at Coleridge's Cottage during the Friends of Coleridge appeal may have helped inspire the psychedelic imagery of *Kubla Khan* [see report and leading article, May 23] has, alas, one flaw: the poem was composed 40 miles further down the coast, almost in the next county.

However, the warm colours on his Somerset walls must have helped inspire the more domestic masterpieces of 1797-98, not least that fine poem now due to be retitled *This Lime-Wash Bower My Prison*.

Yours etc,
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The Friends of Coleridge),
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May 18.

Can cosmopolitan Brighton ever out-glamour Cannes?

From Mr Simon Funshawe

Sir, What a fabulously outdated idea of glamour Grace Bradberry has in her article comparing Brighton with Cannes ("Why can't Britain do glamour?", May 18): "*parading down the* Croisette in a cocktail dress" and in the Royal Enclosure at Ascot. Hasn't she been to a recent Alexander McQueen show (dismissed by Grace as the "grunge culture of the early 1990s") or a major film premiere?

Brighton has glamour by the eyelash. It's just that it exudes modernity and diversity. The nights throb with cheekbones, beauty and contemporary peacockery that make Cannes simply look like the old-fashioned sales conference squeezed into a tight dress that it is. No one lives in Cannes, glamour just visits. Brighton and Hove seduce people for ever.

Just as Olivier and Ratnigan at the height of their powers made it their home, so have many contemporary TV stars, including Steve Coogan, Mark Williams and Mark Little, pop stars like Norman Cook, Supergrass and the Levellers, and assorted film-makers, cartoonists, writers and artists.

Yours sincerely,
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May 19.

From Lord Bassam of Brighton, Leader of Brighton & Hove Council

Sir, Grace Bradberry raises an interesting question when she asks whether the Cannes Film Festival could be transplanted to Britain, and in particular to Brighton.

In fact, Brighton and Hove has already been involved in discussions about hosting a European film festival. The film industry has its roots here, through film-makers George Albert Smith and James Williamson who pioneered techniques pre-Hollywood; and we have plenty of cinemas with scope to erect more screens in other venues.

Last weekend Brighton and Hove certainly lived up to its reputation as a cosmopolitan "city by the sea", with a seafront and town centre teeming with tens of thousands of visitors — I was there with a couple of French tourism chiefs whose eyes were popping — and it has been said that we have the largest concentration of resident media workers outside Los Angeles.

As Grace points out, we have no sand on our beaches, so what on earth could be attracting them? Perhaps it's because over £200 million is being spent on new developments in Brighton and Hove, including the seafront which has had a facelift between the piers, and the Saltdean Lido which has been brought back to its original Art-Deco splendour.

Perhaps it's because we have a club and café culture to rival anywhere in Europe. Or maybe it's because we are coming to the end of the biggest arts festival in England, hosting UK and world premieres of cutting-edge work by international artists.

Yet *The Times* thinks we lack glamour? I defy anyone to say that the elegant cream and white Regency terraces or the exotic Royal Pavilion are not glamorous. And if it is good restaurants and designer dresses you're after, Brighton has them, and so does Hove. In fact we have more restaurants per head than anywhere outside Central London.

Grace Bradberry and Jason Cowley, in his accompanying article, both really missed a lot when they visited us. I would like personally to invite them back for a second look. Why not bring a photographer and replace the out-of-date photograph used? I'm sure they can be convinced that, whether the sun is in or out, Brighton is the place to be — bar none.

Yours faithfully,
STEVE BASSAM,
Leader,
Brighton & Hove Council,
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Grand Avenue, Hove BN3 2LS.
May 19.

From Mr Henry Law

Sir, Brighton's failure to achieve its potential as a glamorous place is perhaps easily explained. Those in charge have forgotten what the town is about.

It was at Brighton that the seaside was invented in the 18th century, and from the 1760s on, in the wake of Dr Russell's promotion of the sea-bathing cure, anyone who was anyone was expected to be seen at Brighton. As a result, the town experienced a surge of high-quality development, so much so that a visitor in 1833 compared its grandeur to that of St Petersburg.

A preoccupation with style and quality was a persistent theme in Brighton right up to 1939. In the 1890s, for instance, town councillors were willing to spare no expense on erecting a series of elegant seafront shelters, arguing that "nothing was too good for Brighton"; in the inter-war period, a series of famous railway posters promote the Brighton seafront as the epitome of glamour.

Perhaps Brighton should follow the lead taken by Bath, where the spa cure has been recently revived. Brighton & Hove Council, sadly, has not caught on to the possibility that it, too, could promote the resort on the notion of the sea cure and the health benefits of sea-bathing. Instead, it has done almost nothing to encourage visitors into the sea or, indeed, to develop the seafront other than as a location for noisy clubs and drinking dives.

If those in charge of Brighton were to develop a keener awareness of its origins as a fashionable spa and of other aspects of the town's heritage, the sense of glamour would undoubtedly return.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY LAW,
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May 18.

From Mr Brian Minkoff

Sir, Although Brighton has changed dramatically over the last ten years, it is still an Eliza Doolittle in search of a Henry Higgins. The main factors mitigating against a South Coast Cannes are a lack of national sensuality and of local affluence and, above all, the town's location.

Nobody worth their executive salt serves the full term in Cannes during the festival. Instead, the prospect of time off (surreptitious or otherwise) is a prime factor in most transatlantic trips: the lure of hillside villages such as St Paul de Vence and Eze; of Monaco and Nice and Beaulieu; of Juan les Pins and Antibes; and of the sheer visual splendour of the coastline — they are all part of the festival. Without these peripheral delights it is likely that the festival would last six days instead of 12.

In comparison, the attractions of Worthing, Bognor Regis and Burgess Hill do not quite cut *la moutarde*.

Yours,
BRIAN MINKOFF,
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May 18.

London's mayor

From the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions

Sir, The two letters on the London mayor which you published on May 14 raised some interesting points.

Mr A. C. de Linton is wrong in asserting that "no attempt was made to provide [Londoners] with any basic information on the proposal". A leaflet summarising the proposals for an elected mayor and assembly was sent to every household in London at the end of March. This was done immediately after the publication of a full and detailed White Paper, so that people would have the maximum length of time to consider the proposals, find out more if they wished and decide whether to vote "yes" or "no" on May 7.

We advertised in local London newspapers all over the capital to draw people's attention to the leaflets. There were also extensive ads on commercial radio stations and large posters were displayed at nearly 400 key sites around London. We ran a series of information stands, some at railways stations and in supermarkets. All this was backed up by a widely advertised helpline and Internet site. The complete text of the White Paper was on the Internet site as soon as it was published.

In his letter Mr Dennis Wesil asked about controls on the mayor. I am sending him more information; but the short answer is that the mayor will be accountable to the electorate in direct elections every four years. He or she will be closely scrutinised and regularly questioned by an assembly of 25 elected members who, amongst other things, can overturn the mayor's budget.

London needs a powerful leader to tackle its problems (like the air pollution and traffic congestion we are facing at the moment). But Mr Wesil is right — the mayor must be accountable and will be under the Government's proposals.

Yours faithfully,
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May 18.

From Mr Bevil G. Mabey

Sir, Further to the excellent letters from Mr de Winton and Mr Wesil, I would like to point out that of about 30 per cent of the electorate who voted, two thirds were in favour — ie, about 20 per cent. So 10 per cent were against it and 70 per cent uninterested.

It would seem appropriate that any major change of governmental organisation should at least follow company legislation relating to the changing of company articles, which demand a 75 per cent majority of those voting in person or by proxy.

These principles could govern referendums on major alterations or additional layers of government, such as devolutions and creating lord mayorships, etc. The benefits and disadvantages, particularly costs, of such changes should be clearly explained to those voting.

Where a major change is involved — particularly where it is virtually irreversible, as in joining the European Community or the euro currency — it is also most important that equal sums of government money (ie, our money) should be allocated to the propaganda on *both* sides of the argument.

Yours faithfully,
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May 14.

Chess ringers

From Lord Kilbracken

Sir, Your chess correspondent, Raymond Keene, who refereed the annual match between Lords and Commons on May 13, wrote in his column two days later that the final score "favoured the Commons", confirming his announcement after the match that the MPs had won 8-6.

As captain of the Lords team, I hotly dispute this result.

Mr Keene admits in his column what I did not discover until soon after the match — that two of the "victories" were won by a German national who has no connection of any kind with the Commons. This very strong player, who works at the Royal College of Defence Studies, had been silently inserted into the MPs' team.

Similarly, another match, I discovered next day, had been won by an excellent player, who however lost his seat last year. He had been co-opted for the second round of matches to replace an MP who had to leave after the first.

Clearly a representative side cannot include players who do not qualify, in this case by being members or officials of one House or the other. Otherwise I could confer an honorary peerage on Kasparov and invite him to join the Lords team next year. And wouldn't Zola look well in an England shirt?

It is evident that the true score is 6-5 to the Lords, for whom I claim the trophy.

Yours etc,
JOHN KILBRACKEN,
House of Lords.
May 18.

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The cult of sport

From Mr Joe Cooney

Sir, Surely the Matthew Parris who so amusingly condemned popular sport (article, May 15; letters, May 20) cannot be the same person as the M. Parris who, in 1981, sprinted past me and hundreds of other runners to complete the first London Marathon in the excellent time of 2hr 45min.

Yours sincerely,
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From Dr Ian Baird

Sir, It is about time someone emphasised that football has taken over where religion left off (letter from Mr Oliver Miles).

Colonel Gaddafi was only a *beginner* in recognising the similarities between the two worlds: temples, holy songs, icons, saints, relics, uniformed priests, fanatical devotions, catalogues of statistics — they're all there.

All that's missing (well, almost missing) are the deaths. If adherence to the relatively harmless religion of football prevents crusades, inquisitions, sectarian murders, executions and all the other excuses for religious killings, then (*pace* Matthew Parris) it should surely be encouraged.

Yours "faith"fully,
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May 20.

From Mr Robert J. Purvis

Sir, Is it really sport?

Once someone starts being *paid* for participating in a sport, doesn't that person become an entertainer rather than a sportsman?

Sincerely,
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May 20.

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Your flight or mine?

From Mr Julian Pike

Sir, You reported on May 22 that Richard Branson, as he flew out of Belfast on the previous evening, quipped: "I know that if I was ever caught on a BA flight at 30,000ft I would be shown the door."

I can only presume that when Mr Branson travelled on the scheduled 5.40pm BA flight from Gatwick to Malaga on Friday, May 1, we were not travelling at 30,000ft.

Yours faithfully,
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ST JAMES'S PALACE

May 23: The Prince of Wales, Patron, this evening attended a Concert held by the Bath International Music Festival in Bath Abbey and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset (Colonel Sir John Wills, Bt).

ST JAMES'S PALACE

May 23: The Duke of Kent, President, this morning attended Speech Day at Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berkshire.

Royal engagement

The Prince of Wales will attend the Woolsack Races at Tetbury, Gloucestershire, at 1.50.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Stuart Bute, 3rd Earl of Bute, Prime Minister 1762-63, Edinburgh, 1713; Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton, novelist, London, 1803; Ralph Waldo Emerson, writer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1803; Jacob Burckhardt, historian, Basle, 1818; Tom Sayers, champion bare-knuckle fighter, Brighton, 1826; Max Aitken, 1st Baron Beaverbrook, newspaper proprietor, Maple, Ontario, 1879; Igor Sikorsky, pioneer of the helicopter, Kiev, 1889; Gene Tunney, boxer, New York City, 1897; Miles Davis, jazz trumpeter, Alton, Illinois, 1926.

DEATHS: The Venerable Bede, theologian, Jarrow, 735; Pedro Calderón de la Barca, dramatist and poet, Madrid, 1681; Rosa Bonheur, animal painter, By, near Fontainbleau, 1899; Randall Thomas Davidson, Baron Davidson of Lambeth, Archbishop of Canterbury 1903-28, London, 1930; Gustave Holst, composer, London, 1934; Jacques Feyder, film director, Switzerland, 1948; Robert Capa, photographer, killed in Vietnam, 1954.

The Philadelphia Convention met to draw up the US Constitution, 1787.

The Bank Holidays Act was passed, 1871.

Jesse Owens, the athlete, set five world records and equalled a sixth in less than an hour at Michigan, 1935.

The rebuilt Coventry Cathedral was consecrated, 1962.

Birthdays today

Lord Aldington, 84; Mr M.A. Butt, former chairman, Eagle Star Holdings, 56; Mr Julian Clary, comedian and actor, 39; Dr Carel de Wet, former South African diplomat, 74; Professor J.E. Flowes Williams, Master, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, 63; Miss Margaret Forster, author, 60; Miss Livia Gollancz, publisher, 78; Sir Eldon Griffiths, former MP, 73; Mr Tony Hall, former director, Rea Brothers Group, 59; Baroness Hooper, 59; Sir Joseph Hotung, company chairman, 68; Sir Ralph Howell, former MP, 75; Sir Malcolm Innes of Edingight, Lord Lyon King of Arms, 60; Sir Julian Loyd, former land agent to the Queen, Sandringham estate, 72; Sir Ian McKellen, actor, 59; the Right Rev Michael Mann, KCVO, former Dean of Windsor, 74; Mr Dillwyn Miles, former The Herald Bard, 82; Lord Plummer of St Marylebone, 84; Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Paymaster General, 60; His Honour Alastair Sharp, QC, 87; Miss Beverly Sills, operatic soprano, 69; Professor Sir Francis Vallat, QC, 86; Mr David Wynne, sculptor, 72.

Latest wills

Alice Charlotte **Goldstein**, of Wembley Park, Middlesex, left estate valued at £1,319,191 net.
She left £10,000 to the Salvation Army.

Audrey Mary **Johnston Smith**, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, left etate valued at £1,223,673 net.
She left £20,000 to St Peter's church, St Albans: and £10,000 each to the National Trust and the Symonds House nursing home, St Albans.

Rosemary **Legouix**, of Chilton Foliat, Berkshire, left estate valued at £1,518,155 net.
She left £10,000 to the Prospect Foundation, Swindon, and £5,000 to St Mary's church, Chilton Foliat.

Celia Bower **Marsh**, of Oxford, left estate valued at £1,665,006 net.
She left £1,000 each to British Red Cross Society, the Children's Society, Royal Commonwealth Society of the Blind, Sir Michael Sobell House of Churchill Hospital, Oxford, National Art Collections Fund, National Trust, St Andrew's church, Old Headington, Oxford, Holy Trinity church, Headington Quarry, Oxford, and Secure Retirement Association, Headington: and £500 each to 10 other organisations.

Margaret **Porter-Hargreaves**, of London SW1, left estate valued at £1,451,056 net.
She left £100,000 to the Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association: £20,000 to the Royal Star and Garter Home: £5,000 to the Salvation Army: and £2,000 each to the RNLI and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Josephine **Rickard**, of Clifton, Bristol, left estate valued at £281,955 net.

Legal appointment

Mr Richard John **McGregor-Johnson** has been appointed a Circuit Judge on the South Eastern Circuit.



FINDLAY KEMBER

Sir Arthur Marshall, left, presenting Robert Yuill with his mother's diary. Behind them is a De Havilland Moth

Lost diary flies home to family

Molly Barnard took to the air when most women remained at home. **John Shaw** reports on her love affair with flying

A LONG-LOST diary by one of the first women to gain a commercial pilot's licence has been returned to her son after being found in a box during a house clearance in Cheshire.

The diary was written by Molly Barnard, a prewar medical student at Newnham College, Cambridge. The authorities of the day refused time off for flying lessons so she took them after hours at Cambridge airport.

The neat handwriting records her feelings and frustrations trying to master the tiny De Havilland biplane and her eventual exhilaration as she first went solo in 1932.

After qualifying as a doctor she moved to Manchester, married a pilot and had two sons, each of whom became doctors and learnt to fly. The diary became lost, however, when she and her husband died in Marple, Cheshire, in the 1970s.

The thick green-backed book, a fragment of aviation history, was picked up during a house clearance by a relative of Sally Jones, a businesswoman who is interested in genealogy and who spotted the name Marshall's Airport in the diary and tracked it down on the Internet.

The firm contacted the college and it led to an emotional reunion in which Sir Arthur Marshall, 94, Molly Barnard's instructor, presented the diary to Dr Robert Yuill, 53, her youngest son who practises in Marple.

Dr Yuill said: "I had no idea my mother had written a diary. Reading it now makes her come alive again, her expressions, her speech patterns are all there. It is exactly her. Her character is in this book. She was a marvellous woman who skied, went rock climbing and loved flying at a time when very few women did anything like that. She only gave up flying when it became too expensive in the Fifties."

Lessons on the 45-acre field that served as an airstrip at the time were 25s-30s an hour (£1.25-£1.50) and the diary tells how sheep often had to be herded away from the grass before the aircraft could take off. Lessons now cost £91.50.

Miss Barnard, daughter of a mathematics master at Rugby School, had difficulty mastering landing technique but finally went solo, watched by Sir Arthur, late on a June evening. The diary records her feelings of "absolute control" in the air and also analyses her thoughts as she sat in the cockpit.

"'You're all alone up here', I said to myself. But I felt so happy I could have burst, rather like looking at an exam paper of which you could do every bally question. I banked and turned rather steeply, I was so pleased.

"'We're all alone', I said again. I couldn't get over it. All my previous plans for the first solo had gone. 'Shouldn't it be a bit awkward if I get frightened when I am landing,' I thought. But that was the nearest approach to being frightened it got."

Elated after a bumpy landing, she cycled back to Newnham "as fast as I could though my dress flew all over the place and every now and then I hit the handlebars as hard as I could and squeaked. Halfway home, I said to myself, 'Gosh — I've been up solo'. It was a bad one ... but I'll do better next time. Next time it will be even more fun. They were all in bed when I got back.

"But Mrs Dickinson popped her head out of the window and came down and asked if I had enjoyed myself. The secret was too good not to be told. 'I've gone solo,' I said. I slept like a log."

After qualifying she married George Yuill, a pilot in the Royal Flying Corps during the First World War who subsequently became a civilian pilot with Imperial Airways in Manchester. Mrs Yuill died in 1973 and her husband in 1979.

Sir Arthur said: "She was very good, one of a group of six or seven girls who were very keen on flying before the war. Training is something we've always kept up to here.

"We trained 20,000 pilots for the RAF during World War Two, but it is very unusual for something like this to come along after so many years, very unusual."

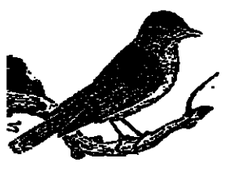
Among those at the small presentation ceremony, made alongside a De Havilland Moth, was Charlotte West, 20, a first-year engineering student at Newnham. She is learning to fly and described the experience as absolutely brilliant.



Molly Barnard preparing for another flight in 1932

Nature notes

Summer visitors generally nest a little later than our resident birds, but their eggs, too, have now started to hatch. Willow warblers are feeding their young in domed nests of grass and feathers under bramble bushes. They call plaintively in the trees with a beakful of caterpillars before dropping swiftly. Blackcaps dart furtively through the undergrowth to their nests full of young, which are often higher up in the brambles. A young cuckoo is hatching in the nests of some hedge sparrows and reed warblers, and will soon throw the other eggs or nestlings out. The deluded parents will go on feeding the gigantic intruder. The first tinge of summer darkness is touching the leaves on the trees. White rosettes are opening on elder bushes, while along grassy banks there are tumbling swaths of ox-eye daisies. Three kinds of campion are in flower. The most common are the red and the white campion; bladder campion is also white but can be distinguished by the balloon-like base to the flowers. Comma butterflies come into gardens: they have tiger-like markings on their ragged wings, and a small silver comma on the undersides. Common blue butterflies are fluttering clumsily through the meadows. DJM



The blackcap

Wanted: budding archaeologists

BY NORMAN HAMMOND
ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ANYBODY with the urge to delve into the past this summer will find rich opportunities on offer across the country. Some two dozen excavations, many of them specifically designed as training digs for the uninitiated, are seeking volunteers and pupils, with modest fees beginning at £70 a week.

Locations range from the beautiful and remote Bardsey Island, off the west coast of Wales, where Dr Chris Arnold will be investigating 10th-century deposits below a 19th-century cottage, to near-suburbia in Bagshot, Surrey, where the archaeology centre will also be excavating medieval levels, and even in the heart of London at Southwark. Roman villas are being used for training at Bignor in Sussex, Chedworth near Cheltenham, Piddington, Northamptonshire, and Hayton, East Yorkshire, and Roman settlements in Essex and Cambridge, as well as part of the Roman city of *Calleva* at Silchester, near Reading.

One of the more intriguing sites is at Clay Hill, not far from what is believed to be one of the very first fortifications ever built by the Normans in England. Equally interesting, for different reasons, is the long-term project at Sedgeford, near Hunstanton in Norfolk, where local people have organised a study of their entire village through the ages: this year, Saxon and Norman sites are being investigated.

Many of these sites, and dozens of others, will be open to visitors on National Archaeology Days over the weekend of July 25-26, promoted by the Young Archaeologists' Club with children especially in mind: a list of venues will soon be released by the Council for British Archaeology, which also maintains a list of day schools, short courses and tours for amateur archaeologists. Some of the courses link directly with excavation sites, giving participants a chance to learn more in the classroom before or after they take part in the dig.

For those who would like to dig overseas, the Archaeology Abroad programme in London acts as a clearing house. "About 500 places a year for volunteers and staff in 15 countries are usually advertised," the organisation says. Other digs are listed by the Archaeological Institute of America in its *Fieldwork Opportunities Bulletin*.

These and other chances to find out about the past are listed in the Council for British Archaeology's briefing this month, available from Bowes Morrell House, 111 Walmgate, York, YO1 9WA (telephone: 01904 671417), or on the Internet at *http://www.britarch.ac.uk/cba*, which also links to other Websites of relevance.

School news

Rugby School

Rugby School is pleased to announce the following awards for September 1998:

Scholarships: James Auton, Nevill Holt; Richard Dobell, Terra Nova; Simon Felix, Dragon School; Ben Griffiths, Bilton Grange; Gordon Legg, Aldwickbury School; Charles Parton, Spratton Hall; James Saxton, Spratton Hall; Richard Sidey, Bilton Grange; Harriet Slack, Godstowe; Nicholas Warner, Arnold House School.

Major Foundationerships: Ben Harris, Lawrence Sheriff School; Gareth Jones, Lawrence Sheriff School; Timothy Retout, Lawrence Sheriff School; Ian Ross, Marshall House, Rugby School.

Minor Foundationerships: Jovee Basu, Bilton Grange; James Mendes, Spratton Hall; Robert Thomson, Bilton Grange.

Academic Bursaries: Faris Badwan, Arnold Lodge; Kevin Touhey, Collingtree Primary School.

Music Scholarships: Jonathan Cannock, Lichfield Cathedral School; Matthew Cannock, Lichfield Cathedral School; Rachel Coyle, Stoneygate School; Rebecca Cunnah, Packwood Haugh; Geoffrey King, King's College School, Cambridge; Jonathan Watkins, Aldwickbury School & Royal College of Music Junior Department.

Marshall House Minor Foundationerships (at 11+): Karina Lickorish, Crescent School; Usama Mageed, Crescent School.

Jeremy Smith / Talbot Kelly Art Scholarships: Sam Goddard, Aysgarth School; Siane Lefroy Brooks, Heath Mount; Arabella Myerson, Bilton Grange.

Design and Technology Bursaries: William Eden, Repton Preparatory School; George Metcalfe, Spratton Hall.

All-rounder Bursaries: Edwina Bagge, Comesmore; James Gillies, Heath Mount; David Merrifield, Beechwood Park; Edward Reeves, Winchester House.

Leigh Thomas Bursaries: Jennifer Elliott, Bishopston Comprehensive School and Rugby School; Eleanor Landgrebe, Moor Park School.

Sixth Form Scholarships: Katherine Atkins, Liverpool College; Eleanor Calnan, Northampton High School; Charlotte Marshall, Builth Wells High School; Aadil Mamujee, Mombasa Academy; Hannah Pellard, Edgbaston High School; Lina Tsang, St Paul's Convent School, Hong Kong.

Sixth Form Music Scholarships: Alice Tsui, The Perse School for Girls; Anni Watkinson, Liverpool College; Pulteoong Yung, Rosary Hill School, Hong Kong.

Sixth Form Art Scholarships: Clare Chapman, Queen Mary's, Baldersby Park; Simon Cooper, Daventry William Parker School.

Bedstone College

Scholarships awarded by Bedstone College for 1998 are as follows:

Sixth Form Academic Scholarship: Emma Chappell, Llanidloes High School.

13 Plus Academic Scholarship: Bishop Sara Memorial Award — Christina Plan and Emma Cooling, Moffats.

Academic Award: Hayley Waters, Moor Park.

11 Plus Scholarships: Christopher Jones, Philippa Dell and Matthew Langely, Bedstone Preparatory School.

Sports Scholarship: Kelda Birch, Bucknell Primary School; Alexander Smith, Orleton VC School.

University news

Cambridge

Darwin College

The following have been elected into Research Fellowships from October 1: Charles and Katharine Darwin Research Fellow: Suzanne Currie (zoology).

Non-Stipendiary Research Fellowships: Elisabeth Louise Hill (experimental psychology); Arbert Reimann (history); Matthew David Segall (physics).

City University

Honorary degrees have been conferred on the following:

Mr Tang Ka Fai, founder of Tang K.F. Consulting Engineers, D Sc.

Mr Rolf Schild, industrialist in medical instrumentation and equipment, D Sc.

Mr Jack Wigglesworth, Chairman of LIFFE, D Sc.

Mr Tam Dalyell, MP for Linlithgow, D Sc.

Professor Mary Phillips, former Dean, Inns of Court School of Law, D Lit.

Mr William Keegan, economics editor of *The Observer*, D Litt.

Westminster

Professorial appointments

Professor: James Barlow, built environment; Dr John Hedger, engineering & science; Gerald Patrick Scannell and Dr Colin Sparks, law, language & communication.

Visiting Professor: Annette Becker, languages; Petrushka Clarkson, social & behavioural sciences; Allen Cunningham, architecture & engineering; Prakash Dey, biosciences; Jorn Janssen, built environment; Dr John Jarvis, engineering & science, and law, languages & communication; Michael Mansfield, QC, law; Dr Gordon Smith, diplomatic academy.

Recent research grants include:

Professor M Browne, S Anderson, Dr S Winter, S Ijaha, £249,046 from the European Commission — integrated telematics for advanced communication in transport.

T Hall, £143,842 from Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council — improving software quality: managing the impact of practitioners on process and product.

Dr K Madani, £75,000 from Panasonic Mobile Communications Development Centre — design and development of a software radio cellular base station system: and £66,700 developing a highly linear and efficient power amplifier for next generation mobile cellular base stations.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.R. Bromley-Challenor and Miss S.A. Adkins

The engagement is announced between James Roland, only son of Mr and Mrs David Bromley-Challenor, of Crawley, Sussex, and Susan Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs George Adkins, of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

Mr M.M. Ligertwood and Miss C.C. Ross

The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of the late Mr Michael Ligertwood and of Mrs Alexander Fell, of Coldoch, Blair Drummond, and Cheryl, daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil St Clair Ross, of Edinburgh.

Mr B.P. Moss and Miss C.J. Nevard

The engagement is announced between Bernard, son of Mr and Mrs Byron Moss, of Koonorigan, NSW, Australia, and Carolyn, eldest daughter of Mr Peter Nevard and the late Mrs Janice Nevard, of Walton Heath, Tadworth, Surrey.

Marriages

Major J.D. Jonklaas and Miss E.J. Harrison-Bright

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary the Boltons, Chelsea, of Mr James Jonklaas, son of the late Mr D.Y. Jonklaas and of Mrs Jonklaas, of Riseley, Bedfordshire, to Miss Elizabeth Harrison-Bright, daughter of Sir Keith Bright, of London, and of Mrs Patricia Harrison-Bright, of West Sussex. The Rev G. Beauchamp officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Octavia Bright, Harriet Gatehouse, Jasmine Munyard and Alexander Munyard. Lieutenant-Colonel Tom Bonas, Welsh Guards, was best man.

A reception was held at the Cavalry and Guards Club and the honeymoon will be spent in the Caribbean.

Mr L.K. Knight and Miss S. Hill

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 23, at the Church of St James the Great, Marston, Leeds, of Mr Luke Keith Knight, elder son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Knight, of Ashill, Norfolk, to Miss Samantha Jane Hill, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Hill, of Crossgates, Leeds.

The honeymoon will be spent in Jamaica.

Mr D. Warkentin and Miss D. Kelly

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 23, in Canada, of Mr David Warkentin, to Miss Doone Kelly, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Dermot Kelly, of Dowdeswell, Gloucestershire.

Appointments in the Forces

The Army

Brigadier: I.D.T. McGill ADC — to Director OCE Jo HQ Land 28.5.98.

Lieutenant-Colonel: N.C. Best RA — to RA Range Hebrides, 13.7.98; J.J. Bethell, REME — to DGES (A), 31.8.98; J. Dryburgh R Signals — to SHAPE, 22.2.99; B.W. George, REME — to HQ ATRA, 17.8.98; J.R.M. Palmer KRH — to JSCSC, 3.8.98; M.W.L. Theobald RGR — to BLO Germany, 21.9.98.

Retirements

Colonel: S.J. Durnford (late RAMC) — 31.5.98; S.N.L. Fodgen (late AAC) — 31.5.98.

HMS Hood

A service was held yesterday at the Church of St John the Baptist, Boldre, Hampshire, to commemorate the sinking of *HMS Hood* in 1941. The Ven S.J. Golding, Archdeacon for the Royal Navy, officiated. Lieutenant Ted Briggs, the last of three survivors, read the act of dedication.

Dinner

Atlantic Council

Mr Alan Lee Williams, Director of the Atlantic Council of the United Kingdom, was the guest of honour at a dinner held on Saturday at Stoke Rochford Hall to mark the annual conference of the Atlantic Treaty Association spring seminar. Mr John Ayre, chairman of the council's education committee, presided. Ambassador Alfred Cahen, secretary-general of the association, also spoke.

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I shall remove the heart of stone from their bodies and give them a heart of flesh so that they will conform to my statutes and keep my laws. Ezekiel 11 : 19,20

DEATHS

ADDISON - Lieutenant-Colonel (retired) M.B.E. Archie died at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee on 20th May 1998 following a brave fight against cancer. An officer and a gentleman to the end, he will be deeply missed by his daughter and son, Gina and John, sister Janet and all his friends who supported him so loyally. Funeral Service is to be held at Strathdon Church, Aberdeenshire on Wednesday, 27th May at 12 noon, interment thereafter at Strathdon Cemetery, all friends are welcome, and afterwards at the Colquhonnie Hotel, Strathdon. Flowers accepted or donations in lieu to Cancer Research.

ARTHUR - Peter Bernard. On May 20th aged 74 years. Peacefully at home after a long illness faced with great courage and strength. Dearly loved husband of Irene, much loved father of Michèle, Stephen and Jacqueline. (Grandfather of Louisa, William and Emma). Private Family cremation. Thanksgiving to be held at St Peter's Church, Tandridge, on Wednesday 3rd June at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Parkinson's Disease Society and Marie Curie Hospice, Caterham c/o Ebbutts FD, High Street, Limpsfield RH8 0DZ.

DEATHS

BERGSTROM - Theo, Photographer, died peacefully at home on 22nd May, aged 68

CORLEY - John Arthur on 22nd May, aged 68, suddenly while in Switzerland. Much loved husband of Patsy, beloved father of Jennifer, David and Simon, grandfather of George and Thomas. Enquiries to N Scatchard and Son. Tel: 01423 862055 or National Railway Museum. Tel: 01904 621261

DUROCHER-YVON - On Monday 18th May 1998, Felix, M.B.E., former Member of H.M. Overseas Agricultural Service, Mauritius, Seychelles, Zambia and of the Commonwealth Mycological Institute, Kew, Surrey. Very dear husband of Monique, beloved father of Juliane and dearly loved grandfather of Justin and Janine. The Requiem Mass and Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 2nd June, 11.00am at The Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Great Billing, Northampton followed by burial in the Churchyard. Enquiries may be made to B. Hollowell & Son (01604) 792222.

THURSBY - Marjorie (Ding) of Farnham in her 100th year. Beloved widow of Victor, late The Suffolk Regt. Devoted mother of the late Patrick and loving granny and great-granny. Private cremation has taken place. At peace at last.

HACKET-PAIN - On 21 May 1998 suddenly and peacefully Major Wyndham Hacket Pain. Much loved husband of Wenllian (Wenka). Father of Nick and Simon. Father in Law of Lis and Vicky. Grand father of Wyndham and Emma and brother of Andrew. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Monmouth at 2-45pm on Friday 29 May. Family flowers only.

WAUGH - Professor William N.C.hir., F.R.C.S., aged 76 years at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge on 21st May, 1998. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation at Kettering Crematorium on Friday 29th May at 3pm. Family flowers only please.

VINE - Betty of the Thatched House, Worstead aged 85 years, suddenly of a heart attack on 20th May 1998 at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral at the Parish Church of Worstead St. Mary The Virgin followed by private interment in Cromer cemetery. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if desired, to British Heart foundation c/o Murrell Cork, Mundesley Road, North Walsham.

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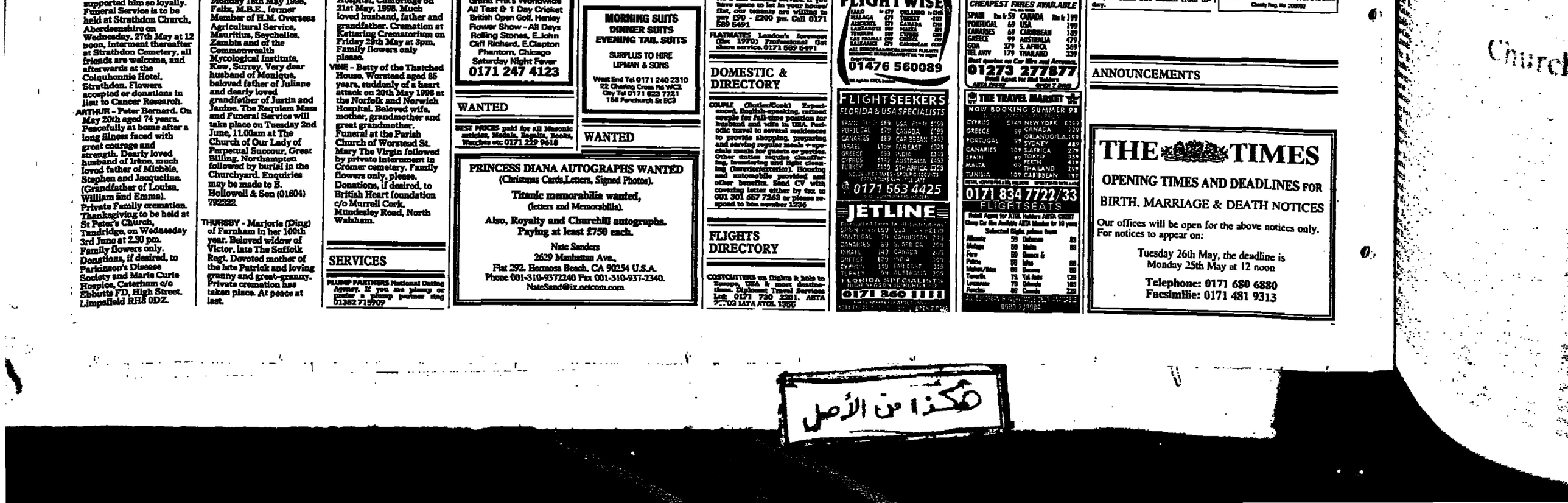
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OBITUARIES

TELFORD TAYLOR

Telford Taylor, American lawyer, writer and one of the last survivors of the Nuremberg war crimes trials, died on May 23 aged 90. He was born in Schenectady, New York, on February 28, 1908.

Telford Taylor will be principally remembered as chief American prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trials. But it would be a pity if he were remembered solely as the lawyer who broke Field Marshal von Manstein in the witness box and delivered the eloquent opening argument against the Nazi doctors. For almost seven decades, from the days of FDR's New Deal through to the early 1990s, Taylor embodied the best of American legal liberalism. At least two generations of postwar Americans looked to him, as they did to no other lawyer, for tough, outspoken criticism of public affairs, from McCarthyism to the Eichmann trial or even the Vietnam War.

Telford Taylor was the second of five children of Marcia Estabrook Jones and John Bellamy Taylor, an inventor with many patents in audio electronics. After local schooling, Taylor gained his BA from Williams College in 1928 and proceeded to Harvard Law School. He was a good student; but only in his last year, having squeaked onto the board of the *Harvard Law Review*, did he fully blossom. He caught the attention of two professors — James Landis and Felix Frankfurter, both of whom had close ties to Democratic leaders and enjoyed playing patron to top students. Frankfurter arranged a one-year clerkship with Judge Augustus Hand and, informally, with Augustus's cousin, the even more eminent Judge Learned Hand.

The spring of 1933 was a fortunate time to be job-hunting for a newly minted Harvard lawyer interested in public service. Taylor joined the new Roosevelt Administration, starting at the Interior Department and moving soon to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. With America deep in the Depression, public works and agricultural recovery lay at the centre of the New Deal, and Taylor worked with other brilliant novices such as Alger Hiss and Adlai Stevenson.

By night, Taylor's second job was legislative drafting for the FDR brains trust, the informal group of New Deal strategists. One assignment was to draft the Securities Exchange Act, cornerstone of the New Deal's securities regulation. As the Bill wound its way through Congress, Taylor was branded in certain newspapers as the "red" or perhaps "pink" aide, pushing the heretical notion of trying to regulate the stock markets. It was the first, but by no means the last, time that the press would attempt to pillory him.

From 1935 to 1939 Taylor was a lawyer with Senator Burton Wheeler's committee investigating railroad finances, working closely with its junior member, a certain Senator Harry Truman. A tour in the Justice Department began his association with Robert Jackson and Francis Biddle, both leading figures at Nuremberg, and gave Taylor the first of many appearances before the Supreme Court. Two years as General Counsel to the Federal Communications Commission brought him into contact with Joseph Rauh, later a key ally against Senator Joe McCarthy. A high-flying career in the federal government might easily have tempted Taylor, now married, towards its usual logical development — a lucrative life as a Washington superlawyer.

But these were not ordinary years. After America joined the war in December 1941, Taylor joined Army intelligence, and he was soon picked to lead the American team at Bletchley Park, where the British were at work cracking Nazi codes. From early 1943, Taylor worked in Hut Three, assessing data relevant to American units, and also supervised the cryptanalysis unit from the US Signal Corps. He persuaded his superiors to send other Americans, including Lewis Powell (later a Supreme Court Justice), for training at Bletchley and to attach them to field units, a new arrangement. But his chief assignment was unwritten: serving as a go-between between military and intelligence chiefs in Washington and Britain, and implicitly keeping Washington satisfied with what was inevitably a latecomer's role.

Taylor's work at Bletchley is described in F. H. Hinsley's *History of British Intelligence in the Second World War*. His only complaint about Hinsley's monumental volumes was that Sir Harry managed to make Bletchley Park a bit dry, and it was far from that. Taylor had a magnificent time working with Bletchley veterans such as Eric Jones, Jim Rose and Peter Calvocoressi, all of whom later became his close friends.

With the coming of peace Taylor was eager to return to his family and career, but in May 1945 he was recruited by Robert Jackson for the Nuremberg trial. With Taylor's Bletchley expertise unique on the American side, he was assigned that part of the case dealing with the German military. To many planners, this was key to the German problem, for German arms had enabled its politicians to launch war five times since 1864. The Nuremberg indictment reflected this, charging the "General Staff and High Command" as one of six criminal organisations.

The premise was that charging Nazi organisations as legal entities was the best way to address the practical problem of reaching hundreds of thousands of culpable participants. But it had problems, especially with regard to the military case,



Taylor: a devastating prosecutor at Nuremberg, he later defended victims of McCarthyism and was an outspoken voice in American public life

as Taylor predicted. Still, he presented a devastating case against the military leadership. His was the first proof that the leadership was more than a gaggle of tactical geniuses, and that many of its most admired commanders had been waist-deep in war crimes.

Ultimately the case was lost, and the General Staff was acquitted. But Taylor emerged as a hero, the prosecutor who had presented an effective case while still alert to civil liberties issues. Praise came from all quarters: fellow prosecutors and judges, historians, even from such unlikely quarters as the hard-right Nuremberg German defence lawyer Otto Kranzbuehler or the notorious British revisionist historian David Irving. Some practical result also came out of the prosecution of the General Staff, as the evidence with which Taylor and his deputy Robert Kempner confronted von Manstein made possible his later conviction by a British court.

Early in the Nuremberg trial, Taylor was also assigned to lead the Americans in further trials. Taylor and his British counterpart Elwyn Jones, later the Labour Lord Chancellor and a lifelong friend, were unable to initiate further joint international trials, so the Americans proceeded alone.

From autumn 1946 through to the spring of 1949 Taylor, now a brigadier-general, led the subsequent proceedings at Nuremberg, which consisted of 12 trials of legal and medical mandarins, Foreign Ministry officials, industrialists, the Einsatzgruppen and other SS leaders, and the High Command. The charges were similar to those at the first trial: crimes against peace, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and conspiracy, to which was added membership of any organisation which, unlike the General Staff, had been found guilty at the first trial.

They were complex cases, with up to two dozen defendants in a case and with tens of thousands of documents. In the end, of 185 persons indicted, 35 were acquitted; the rest, almost 150 Nazis, were convicted.

Taylor left Nuremberg in 1949 a national hero, decorated by foreign governments and his own; having received the Distinguished Service Medal in 1946, he was appointed an honorary OBE shortly afterwards. He then worked as a Truman Administration appointee, corporate lawyer and journalist. Eventually, he combined the vocation of an historian with that of a constitutional lawyer.

The first evidence of this was *Sword and Swastika* (1952), a timely volume challenging the outpouring of apologetic literature by German generals. Taylor had legitimacy no academic could match as the man who had prosecuted many of the subjects. As the vehicle for his legal practice, Taylor began a partnership with his mentor Jim Landis, his Nuremberg colleague Ben Ferencz, and subsequently many others. Despite its changing configuration, however, the practice was largely a solo affair, devoted in major part to victims of McCarthyism.

Already at Nuremberg Taylor had watched resentfully as the isolationist press, especially the *Chicago Tribune*, castigated him as someone who had shirked combat, who served Moscow by persecuting good Germans, and who was a pink US officer employing red prosecutors. Now Taylor was free to fight. His first counter-attack stemmed from the criminal conviction of the American Communist Party leadership, after which the judge held its defence lawyers in contempt and recommended their disbarment. Taylor boldly represented one of these threatened defence lawyers.

After that he took to defending accused Communists, accused perjurers and silent defendants refusing to testify. Among his best-known cases was that of the West Coast union leader Harry Bridges. Among the more obscure was that of Junius Scales, the only man in American history imprisoned for mere membership of the Communist Party with no claim that he shared or knew of its aims. (Taylor liked to point out that his client was convicted on a standard of guilt that the Nuremberg judges had rejected for major war criminals.)

Outside the courtroom, Taylor spoke widely, including at West Point, arguing there that McCarthy's inquiry into subversion at Fort Monmouth had undermined army morale and American values far more than any actual subversion could have done. McCarthy excoriated Taylor in *Newsweek* and subpoenaed him twice. Taylor's reply was *Grand Inquest* (1955), which shredded McCarthy.

Taylor emerged from litigating against McCarthy free to do as he chose. He taught part-time, had clients as diverse as children's television and the mobster Vito Genovese, and published works on military history. In local politics, he valiantly struggled against Tammany Hall and for various reform slates in New York, as well as running unsuccessfully in the Democratic Senate primary in 1962. A move to full-time teaching at Columbia in 1962 reunited him with his old Nuremberg colleagues John Hazard and Herbert Wechsler. He was a Fellow of Churchill College, Cambridge.

Even at 60 Taylor found new causes. The Vietnam War impelled him to write *Nuremberg and Vietnam: An American Tragedy* (1970), which condemned the war as "worse than a crime, it is a blunder — the most costly and tragic national blunder in American history". Closer to home, when the Columbia campus was in turmoil in 1968, Taylor — alone of the senior law faculty — opposed disciplinary sanctions against the students. In 1973, before the Helsinki Accords and modern human rights activism, he led a group of American lawyers seeking to use legal persuasion to force the Soviet Union to release imprisoned Jews, as described in his *Courts of Terror* (1975).

Taylor continued to write, including his prizewinning *Munich: The Price of Peace* (1979). He taught at Harvard and began teaching at Cardozo Law School. On the eve of the Gulf War he testified again before Congress, about presidential war powers. In 1992 he published his long-awaited book on the first Nuremberg trial. Until the end of his life he was working with a younger colleague on a book about the subsequent Nuremberg trials.

The thread running through Taylor's career was commitment and integrity. At Nuremberg, he refused to purge liberal or leftist lawyers and was willing to hire women attorneys for senior positions. He went to the Eichmann trial as a semi-official observer and condemned it, not from sympathy with the defendant but because as a lawyer he felt there were difficulties with the legal statute under which the trial took place. He was never, in fact, any form of pushover. In 1972 he went to North Vietnam with a delegation of doves; only Telford Taylor would have dared tell a Hanoi press conference that the war was dreadful but that bombing was not prohibited by international law.

Telford Taylor was twice married and is survived by his second wife Toby, and four children from his first marriage and two from his second.

ARTHUR REES

Arthur Rees, CBE, Welsh rugby international who became Chief Constable of Staffordshire, died on May 13 aged 85. He was born on November 20, 1912.



THE familiar image of a chief constable is perhaps of a rather austere man, certainly one with little time for jokes and tall tales. Arthur Rees did not quite fit that solemnly stolid type. His police work was serious, of course, but when off duty, he could see the humour behind the policeman's lot. He was an animated conversationalist, eyes alive and bright, his arms embellishing his every word. Laughter was never far away. Once, when he was halfway through an after-dinner speech, the piercing siren of a police car interrupted his flow. "Stay where you are," he commanded the audience. "Don't move." He paused. "They're only going for a cup of tea."

Before he rose to prominence as a policeman, Rees had achieved a much greater fame. He had played rugby for Wales.

Born in Llangadog in Carmarthenshire, Arthur Morgan Rees attended Llandovery College from 1925 to 1932, becoming head prefect and captain of rugby and hockey. This period represented one of the high points in the history of the college, with its aim of uniting academic and sporting prowess.

Rees's fellow players included Cliff Jones and Vivian Jenkins. Going up to St Catharine's College, Rees went on to gain a Cambridge Blue, along with Jones, while Jenkins achieved the same at Oxford. They all then proceeded to wear the Welsh colours.

Rees had won his first cap as a blind-side wing forward against England at Twickenham in 1934, and the following season he achieved the apotheosis of any rugby player's career in these islands: he was on the winning side against the New Zealand All Blacks. In the 30 years up to 1935, the visitors had played 85 matches in the British Isles and Ireland and had lost only two.

Against Jack Manchester's third All Blacks, Rees, at 22, was made vice-captain and pack leader. This was a very tender age to be in charge of an area where a certain gnarled and weathered maturity might be thought indispensable. The blacksmiths and miners in his charge apparently referred to the Cambridge graduate as "Mr Rees": others, because of his wiry physique, nicknamed him "hairpin".

His leadership qualities were to be severely tested. In a fast and furious game, an injury to the hooker, Don Tarr, reduced the Welsh pack to seven men in the second half. Rees galvanised his forwards' efforts to secure a 13-12 victory.

After leaving Cambridge he had joined the Metropolitan Police and played for the London Welsh. After winning 13 caps in all, he played his last match for his country in 1938. During the war he was an RAF pilot, rising to squadron leader and acting wing commander.

He prospered in the police force, rising to be Chief Constable of Denbighshire (1957-64) and then of Staffordshire until his retirement in 1977.

With the interests of sport and young people at heart, he chaired the Queen's Jubilee Appeal (sport), the Prince's Trust (sport and leisure), the Staffordshire St John Ambulance Brigade and the British Karate Federation. While living in Surrey he retained strong connections with his native Wales. He served as trustee at Llandovery from 1964 to 1997 and was chairman of Crawshay's Welsh rugby club from 1960 to 1992 and latterly its president. He was appointed OBE in 1963 and CBE in 1974. In 1970 he was awarded the Queen's Police Medal.

His wife Dorothy, whom he married in 1943, died in 1988. He is survived by his daughter.

JOHN DEREK

John Derek, American actor and film director, died in California on May 22 aged 71. He was born on August 12, 1926.

JOHN DEREK is perhaps better known for his wives than for his work. Not that it is easy to separate the two, for he made a career out of his conquests, and relished a not wholly deserved reputation for marrying beautiful women and moulding them into stars. The film company he ran (with the last of his wives) was called Svengali Productions.

In the 1940s and 1950s Derek enjoyed success in his own right as a lightweight leading man, but from the 1960s (when he was married to Ursula Andress) he was increasingly content to sacrifice his acting career to the screen ambitions of his wives. His talents as producer, director and mastermind found their fullest expression in the run of films which, for a while, made an international sex symbol of Bo Derek, the unknown teenage starlet who became his fourth wife in 1974.

Born Derek Harris in Hollywood, he was the son of a writer-director and an actress. Already under contract as a teenager to the producer David O. Selznick, he made his screen debut in 1944 in *I'll Be Seeing You*, a sentimental middle-American drama which starred Ginger Rogers, Joseph Cotten and Shirley Temple. His career then took off with roles in an Oscar-winning saga of small-town conflict, *All the King's Men* of 1949, and in Nicholas Ray's courtroom melodrama of the same year, *Knock on Any Door*, with Humphrey Bogart.

Handsome, with dark, wavy hair, Derek soon won a following of his own, especially among young female filmgoers. Over the next decade or so he played firm-jawed men of action and dashing romantic leads in more than a dozen undistinguished films, from war movies to westerns to period costume dramas. To relieve the B-movie stardom, there was the occasional character part in a more substantial film, such as the role of Joshua in Cecil B. DeMille's *The Ten Commandments*.

Derek always felt that his striking good looks had denied him the serious roles he deserved. But he declared more than once that he had in any case never wanted to be an actor, and that his real ambition was to produce and direct. He fulfilled that ambition in *Once Before I Die* (1966), a less than persuasive wartime drama set in the Philippines. Derek acted in it as well as directing, but such interest as the film possessed was concentrated in the shapely form of the Swiss actress Ursula Andress.

Derek, who had previously been married to the French actress Pati Behr, was married to Andress from 1957 to 1966. His career was overshadowed by his second wife's at least from the moment she walked out of the sea at the start of the James Bond film *Dr No* (1962). But his reputation as a man who turned his wives into stars was based not primarily on that relationship, nor on his subsequent marriage to the American actress Linda Evans. It was his fourth marriage that made his name as a Svengali.



Bo and John Derek leaving London for Madrid after casting sessions for their film *Bolero* in 1983

Mary Cathleen Collins (stage name Bo Shane) was a high-school dropout 30 years Derek's junior when they met on the island of Mykonos. He gave the aspiring actress a role in the film he was directing at the time, and two years later, after she had turned 18 and he had been divorced from his then wife Linda Evans, he married her.

It was her appearance as the object of Dudley Moore's torrid imaginings in Blake Edwards's sex-farce *10* (1979) that made Bo Derek a household name. Over the next few years, in a succession of films directed by her husband (and produced by her) she made the most of her talents.

As the guardian of his wife's image, John Derek was at once generous and jealous. Happy to see her packaged as a fantasy figure for audiences around the world, he nevertheless insisted on doing the packaging himself. When she posed nude for *Playboy*, it was he who took the pictures, and in the films he made with her in the 1980s he not only directed but took personal charge of the photography too.

The first of those vehicles, *Tarzan the Ape Man (1981)*, was described by one authority as "certainly the worst of the Tarzan movies and perhaps the most banal film ever made"; another critic observed that its only apparent rationale was John Derek's "besotted desire to celebrate his wife's physical attributes in various exotic settings and erotic costumes". *Bolero* (1984), a piece of quasi-pornography with a 1920s setting, was worse. More recent joint ventures for John and Bo Derek included a leather-goods business and a Hollywood restaurant.

John Derek is survived by his wife Bo and by a son and daughter from his first marriage.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev David Fowler, Vicar, Kirkoswald, Renwick and Ainstable (Carlisle): to be also Priest-in-Charge, Great Salkeld and Lazonby (same diocese).

The Rev Gary Ingram, Vicar, Poulton-le-Sands Holy Trinity w Morecambe St Laurence (Blackburn): to be also Rural Dean of Lancaster (same diocese).

The Rev Neil Robb, Vicar, Norley and Crowton, and Priest-in-Charge, Kingsley (Chester): to be Vicar, Neston (same diocese).

The Rev Martin Short, head of media training (designate), Church of England General Synod: to be also Honorary Chaplain of Bradford Cathedral.

The Rev Bernard Sims, NSM Curate, Beedon and Peasemore w West Ilsley and Farnborough (Oxford): to be Team Vicar, Blakenall Heath with special responsibility for Beechdale Estate and St Chad (Lichfield).

The Rev Alistair Stewart-Sykes, Associate Minister, Hanley Team (Lichfield): to be Professor of Liturgics, General Seminary of the Episcopal Church (United States).

The Rev Timothy Sumpter, Curate, Ockbrook (Derby): to be Minister-in-Charge, Wallington Holy Trinity and St Patrick with special responsibility for Springfield District Church (Southwark).

The Rev Paul Taylor, Assistant Curate, Boultham (Lincoln): to be Assistant Curate, Ditton St Michael (same diocese).

The Rev Dr Malcolm Torry, Team Rector, East Greenwich (Southwark): to be also Rural Dean of Greenwich Thameside.

The Rev Jessica Turner, Chaplain, Preston Acute Hospitals NHS Trust (Blackburn): has been appointed chaplain, Blackpool Victoria NHS Trust (same diocese).

The Rev Dr Jean Wadsworth, Assistant Curate, Rotherhithe Holy Trinity (Southwark): to be Priest-in-Charge, New Eltham All Saints (same diocese).

The Rev Susan Walker, Chaplain, Hull College of Further Education (York): to be Ecumenical Chaplain, John Leggott College and North Lindsey College Scunthorpe (Lincoln).

The Rev John Webb, Rector, Bentworth and Shalden and Lasham (Winchester): to be also Rural Dean of Alton (same diocese).

The Rev Mark Whalson, NSM Assistant Curate, Hardwicke, Quedgeley and Elmore w Longney (Gloucester): to be Assistant Curate, Thornbury (same diocese).

Canon Cedric Whiteman, Honorary Canon of Sheffield Cathedral, and Bishop's Chaplain: to be Canon Emeritus of Sheffield Cathedral, continuing as Bishop's Chaplain.

The Rev John Williams, Vicar, Highcliffe w Hinton Admiral (Winchester): to be Rural Dean of Christchurch (same diocese).

The Rev Simon Wilcombe, Associate Priest, Skegness and Winthorpe (Lincoln): to be Rector, Woodhall Spa Group (same diocese).

Retirements and resignations

The Rev Peter Allsop, Curate, Blackpool Holy Trinity (Blackburn) retired April 30.

Canon Michael Austin, Archbishops' Adviser for Bishops' Ministry, retired April 30.

Canon John Griffith, Vicar, Sandiway (Chester) to retire July 31.

The Rev Clifford Haynes, Vicar, Bradshaw St John the Evangelist (Wakefield) to retire May 31.

The Rev Alan Herbert, Rector, Long Marton w Dufton w Milburn (Carlisle) to retire June 10.

The Rev Betty Humphrey, Rector, Swindon w Uckington and Elmstone Hardwicke (Gloucester) to retire July 31.

The Rev Susan Owen, NSM Assistant Curate, Shrewsbury St George of Cappadocia (Lichfield) to resign June 19.

The Rev Teresa Stewart-Sykes, Curate, Meir Heath (Lichfield) to resign June 20.

The Rev Dr Christopher Sunderland, Vicar, Barton Hill St Luke w Christ Church, and Rural Dean of the City Deanery (Bristol) to resign August 31.

PLAY CONTINUES IN DUBLIN

DETECTIVES SEE PERFORMANCE

From Our Own Correspondent

Dublin, May 24

The Pike Theatre Club in Dublin staged *The Rose Tattoo* to-night after detectives had visited the theatre and said that if the cast went on stage the police would have to arrest all of them. No arrests were in fact made.

Earlier to-day Mr. Alan Simpson, co-director of the Pike Theatre, appeared in the Dublin District Court accused of producing for gain "an indecent, and profane performance." He was remanded on £50 bail until July 4.

Mr. W. Conway, Assistant State Solicitor, who prosecuted, said that the Attorney-General held that the play, by Tennessee Williams, was "lewd, indecent and offensive, and tends to corrupt minds, morality and good order." Mr. Simpson, who is aged 36, is a son of a Church of Ireland clergyman. He was arrested at the Pike Theatre last night during a performance of *The Rose Tattoo*. The theatre is a converted coach house in Herbert Lane, Dublin, and has only 55 seats. The play opened on Sunday week and was the first produced in Dublin's theatre festival.

When it seemed likely this evening that the show would go on, a crowd of 500 gathered outside the theatre. Inside all the seats were taken, and some people were standing.

Shortly before eight o'clock three detectives arrived by car. They entered the theatre and asked the manager if the play was being produced. He told them that it was, and they warned him that if the cast went on stage they would all have to be arrested. The detectives then left the theatre, and the curtain rose and the play began. After a few minutes the detectives returned and stood at the back. Twenty-two of the original cast of 23 took part. The missing actress was the daughter of an Irish circuit court judge.

The play continued precisely as it has been played for the past 12 nights, and ended at 10.45 in a burst of applause from the audience. The cast responded to six curtain calls. The three detectives went to the exit and passed unnoticed through the crowd to their car. The audience, as they filed out, were asked by the crowd: "What, no-one arrested?" "No, none," they replied. Within a few minutes audience and crowd had gone home and the players took off their greasepaint and departed.

ON THIS DAY

May 25, 1957

Performances of The Rose Tattoo by Tennessee Williams, performed at a small theatre in Dublin, fell foul of the law which alleged that it was "lewd, indecent and offensive ..." Detectives came to watch a performance but made no arrests

HOLIDAY-MAKERS WHO SIT ON BED EDGES

Holiday-makers made a habit of sitting on the bed edge, and that was where mattresses needed the greatest strength, said the Mayor of Scarborough, Alderman Harry Storry, at the National Bedding Convention at Scarborough yesterday. The mayor runs a 60-bedroom hotel.

He complained that bedding makers did not cater for hoteliers. "You put all the strength into the middle of the mattress because that is where normal people sleep. But holiday-makers are not normal people, and where we need the strength most is around the edges, because that is where they sit.

"I have been making inquiries among other hoteliers, and I have been making calculations from their answers. The quite serious conclusion I have come to is that this holiday-makers' habit of sitting on the edge of the bed costs the hoteliers of Scarborough alone about £100,000 each season. Can I plead with you to make for us mattresses with edges which can be sat on while shoes are emptied of sand and the day's doings discussed?"

THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

Cook seeks 'more open' arms sales

■ Robin Cook will try to give fresh impetus to his ethical foreign policy today, presenting a draft agreement for a European Union-wide code of practice for arms exports.

After fending off criticism over the arms-for-Africa affair and disclosures that the Government has approved more than 50 military export licences for Indonesia since last May, the Foreign Secretary will call for greater openness on weapons sales .....Page 1

Terrorists mar referendum joy

■ Euphoria about the referendum results in Northern Ireland — including praise from world leaders — was marred as Unionist and Sinn Fein leaders clashed over disarmament and this summer's marches, while terrorist splinter groups resumed their campaign of violence .....Pages 1, 2

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After three hours of trying to reach the battle for Decane near Kosovo's Albanian border, Tom Walker thought he had made it — then soldiers surrounded him on all sides ..... Pages 1, 11

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A young film-maker's 40-minute short, inspired by an Oscar Wilde fantasy, so impressed industry heads at Cannes that he has been taken on by a leading show-business agency .....Page 5

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India has put one of its toughest Hindu ideologues in charge of Kashmir policy, signalling a more assertive approach to Pakistani interference in its only Muslim-majority state .... Page 12

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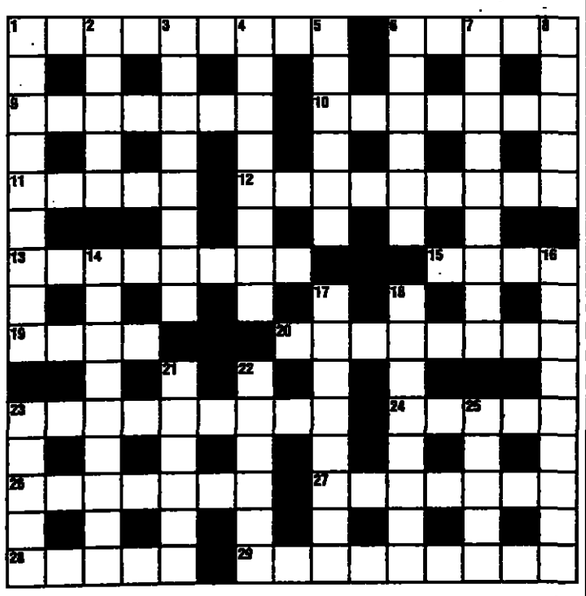
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6 Way-out cacophony you'll find here? (5).
9 Nothing is higher than this! (3-4).
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12 The end of children's television? (9).
13 Hampers, for example, such creative work (8).
15 Prevent trophies being returned (4).
19 Still on the same plane (4).
20 Priest defends one opposed to medicine (8).
23 Accuse individuals, but back fellows in South-East and East (4,5).
24 Venetian lawman reintroducing his first ploy (5).
26 It's harvested in fall (7).
27 There's no deuce in this game, however (7).
28 Book's heroine abandoned by husband in compound (5).
29 Measure in court attracting criticism (9).

DOWN

1 Conceal how extraordinarily I'm blessed (9).
2 Pigment in estuary identified by Cockney? (5).
3 Loosely respects symbols of authority (8).
4 Club heads look out for domestic implements (8).
5 Girl engaging soldiers in unarmed combat (6).
6 Raise objections over English being coy (6).
7 In a word, past a so-called junction (9).
8 Beautiful maiden giving product of mine publicity (5).
14 Vessel requiring a mast to be adjusted (9).
16 A couple of compositions paid for according to quantity (9).
17 Stranger pronounced drink unacceptable at first (8).
18 Female and male entering large area (4,4).
21 Marksman getting king with second shot (6).
22 Unctuous warrant-officer put over soldiers (6).
23 Some land after artillerymen finally shell finer (5).
25 Tropical garment some remained hot in (5).

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Yesterday: Highest day temp: Great Malvern, Hereford and Worcester, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Far Isle, Shetland, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Far Isle, 0.16in; highest sunshine: Morecambe, Lancashire, 10.5hr.

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General: England and Wales will start mostly dry with a little sunshine. Sheltered southern areas are likely to stay fine and quite bright but elsewhere it will become cloudy with showers, especially in the north and west. Central and northern Scotland cool and cloudy with showery rain. Southern Scotland and Northern Ireland cool with showers and sunny spells. The Irish Republic cloudy with showers.

Tonight northern areas cold, the showers dying away to leave clear periods. Sheltered glens may have a slight frost by dawn. Southern areas milder with clear intervals and isolated showers.

London, SE, E England, E Anglia, Midlands: a little sunshine, but quite cloudy with showers this afternoon. Moderate west to northwest wind. Max 18C (64F).

Cent S, SW England, Channel Isles: largely dry with sunny periods, but isolated showers. Moderate west to northwest breeze. Max 19C (66F).

Wales, NW, Cent N, NE England, Lakes, IoM: cloudy and cool with showers and brief sunny spells. Moderate NW breeze. Max 16C (61F).

Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: cool with sharp showers, a few sunny spells. Mod NW wind. Max 16C (61F).

Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland: Cool and cloudy with showery outbreaks of rain spreading from the north. Freshening north to northeasterly wind. Max 14C (57F).

Orkney, Shetland: cool and cloudy with showery outbreaks of rain, perhaps clearing up late on. Freshening N to NE wind. Max 11C (52F).

Republic of Ireland: rather cloudy with showery rain at times. Moderate NW wind. Max 15C (59F).

Outlook: northern areas cold with sunny spells and showers, some falling as snow over the mountains; overnight ground frost possible. Southern areas unsettled with heavy showers and longer spells of rain.

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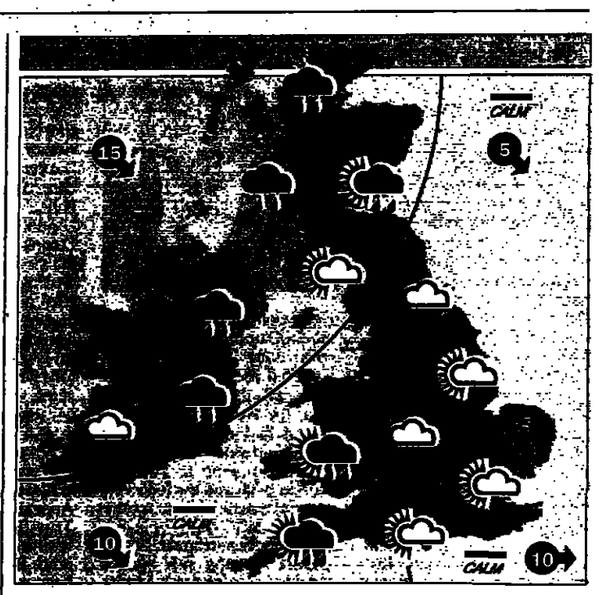
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	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.0	0.01	16	64	s	Leeds	7.7	0.01	20	68	s
Anglesey	1.5	0.01	15	59	d	Lerwick	0.4	0.02	10	50	r
Aspatria	8.8	-	18	64	s	Leuchars	5.4	0.01	21	70	s
Aviemore	2.9	0.01	17	63	c	Littlehampton	5.6	-	20	68	b
Belfast	0.4	0.01	16	61	sh	London	1.5	0.01	17	63	b
Birmingham	2.3	0.01	16	61	b	Lowestoft	0.1	0.05	15	59	r
Bognor R	5.2	-	20	68	b	Manchester	0.9	0.01	14	57	c
Bournem'th	7.5	-	19	66	s	Margate	-	-	17	63	du
Bristol	2.4	-	19	66	b	Minehead	X				
Buxton	5.7	0.01	13	55	s	Morecambe	10.5	0.01	16	61	s
Cardiff	X	-	21	70	s	Newcastle	8.9	0.01	19	66	s
Cascon	4.7	-	16	61	c	Newquay	1.0	-	16	61	c
Cleethorpes	X					Norwich	0.2	0.06	16	61	du
Colwyn Bay	1.9	0.01	15	59	c	Oxford	X				
Cromer	-	0.02	13	55	d	Penzance	X	-	16	61	c
Dunbar	X					Poole	X				
Eastbourne	X					Prestatyn	X	-	16	61	b
Edinburgh	7.7	0.01	20	68	s	Ross on Wye	2.1	-	20	68	b
Eskdalemuir	9.8	0.01	18	64	s	Salcombe	7.4	-	20	68	b
Exmouth	1.6	-	16	61	c	Saxmth Snd	1.0	-	14	57	c
Falmouth	X					Scarboro'	4.2	-	16	58	s
Fishguard	3.2	0.01	13	55	d	Shrewsbury	2.6	0.01	17	63	s
Folkestone	0.2	0.01	16	61	c	Skegness	2.5	-	16	61	s
Glasgow	6.5	0.01	19	66	s	Southend	1.4	-	18	64	c
Guernsey	10.2	-	18	64	s	Southport	X	-	14	57	c
Hastings	1.6	-	17	63	b	Southsea	3.6	-	20	68	s
Hayling I.	6.0	-	19	66	b	Stornoway	X				
Herne Bay	X					Swanage	7.8	-	19	66	s
Hove	5.2	-	19	66	b	Teignmouth	3.4	-	18	64	c
Hunstanton	1.6	-	18	64	c	Tenby	2.8	-	18	64	b
Isle of Man	3.8	0.01	16	61	c	Tiree	1.5	0.05	12	54	d
Isle-of-Wight	8.9	0.01	18	64	s	Torquay	4.8	-	19	66	b
Jersey	9.2	-	19	66	s	Tynemouth	X				
Kinloss	4.1	0.06	17	63	sh	Weston s Mare	0.9	-	19	66	b

Alaccio	21	70	s	Cologne	14	57	f	Madrid	22	72	f
Alcrotri	21	70	s	Corfu	23	73	f	Majorca	25	77	s
Alex'dria	23	73	s	C'hagen	13	55	f	Malaga	19	66	r
Algiers	24	75	s	Dublin	14	57	c	Malta	25	77	s
Amst'dm	14	57	f	Dubrovnik	19	66	c	Melb'rne	15	59	f
Athens	23	73	s	Faro	21	70	s	Mexico C	X		
B Aires	16	61	c	Florence	23	73	s	Miami	31	88	s
Bahrain	34	93	s	Frankfurt	14	57	f	Milan	23	73	f
Bangkok	35	97	s	Funchal	19	66	c	Montreal	21	70	s
Barbados	30	86	s	Geneva	17	63	s	Moscow	17	63	c
Barcelona	20	68	s	Gibraltar	17	63	d	Munich	13	55	f
Beijing	19	66	f	Helsinki	14	57	f	N Delhi	42	108	s
Belfast	21	70	f	Hong K	27	81	c	N York	22	72	s
Belgrade	17	63	f	Innsbruck	17	63	s	Nairobi	26	79	f
Berlin	13	55	f	Istanbul	15	59	r	Naples	22	72	f
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Biarritz	17	63	f	Jo'burg	19	66	s	Oslo	13	55	c
Borde'x	19	66	s	L Angels	20	68	s	Paris	16	61	s
Brussels	15	59	f	L Palmas	22	72	s	Perth	21	70	s
Budapst	13	55	f	Le Touet	18	61	f	Prague	9	48	c
Cairo	22	72	f	Lisbon	21	70	f	Reykjavik	9	48	d
Cape Tn	20	68	f	Locarno	20	68	s	Rhodes	23	73	s
Ch'church	17	63	X	Luxembg	12	54	c	Rio de J	26	79	f
Chicago	18	64	s	Luxor	41	106	s	Riyadh	40	104	s

Rome	22	72	f	Tangier	19	66	c	Vienna	13	55	c
S Fr'isco	17	63	s	Tel Aviv	29	77	s	Warsaw	9	48	f
S Paulo	X			Tenerife	24	75	f	Washton	X		
Salzburg	12	54	c	Tokyo	26	79	s	Wel'ngton	18	64	X
Santiago	17	63	f	Toronto	20	68	s	Zurich	15	59	s
Sing'por	31	88	f	Valencia	25	77	s				
Stckholm	10	50	s	Vanc'ver	15	59	c				
Straslb'g	15	59	f	Venice	18	66	s				

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TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Aberdeen	0:27	4.2	12:42	4.4	Liverpool	10:32	9.7	22:58	9.7
Avonmouth	5:30	13.5	18:59	13.5	London Bridge	0:53	7.0	13:25	7.3
Belfast	10:19	3.5	22:48	3.5	Lowestoft	8:48	2.5	20:58	2.8
Cardiff	5:16	12.4	18:39	12.5	Margate	11:27	4.8	23:33	4.8
Devonport	4:55	5.5	17:22	5.8	Milford Haven	5:27	7.1	17:52	7.2
Dover	10:18	6.7	22:39	6.9	Newquay	4:20	7.1	16:44	7.2
Dublin	10:54	4.3	23:24	4.3	Oban	5:08	4.0	17:24	3.9
Falmouth	4:26	5.3	16:53	5.4	Penzance	3:48	5.6	16:13	5.6
Greenock	-	-	12:00	3.4	Portland	5:52	2.0	18:21	2.1
Harwich	11:21	4.1	23:38	4.1	Portsmouth	10:38	4.7	23:01	4.8
Holyhead	9:33	5.8	22:00	5.7	Shoreham	10:29	6.4	22:52	6.6
Hull (Albert D)	5:35	8.7	17:47	8.9	Southampton	10:03	4.6	22:28	4.8
Ilfracombe	5:13	9.4	17:36	9.5	Swansea	5:36	9.8	18:00	9.8
King's Lynn	5:43	8.5	17:53	7.1	Tees	2:49	5.8	15:06	5.7
Leith	1:39	5.6	13:58	5.7	Wallon-On-Naze	11:13	4.3	23:28	4.3

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Sun rises: 4.58 am · Sun sets: 9.00 pm
Moon sets 8.25 pm · Moon rises 5.12 am
New moon today

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Bristol 9.08 pm to 5.05 am
Edinburgh 9.36 pm to 4.43 am
Manchester 9.16 pm to 4.53 am
Penzance 9.15 pm to 5.23 am

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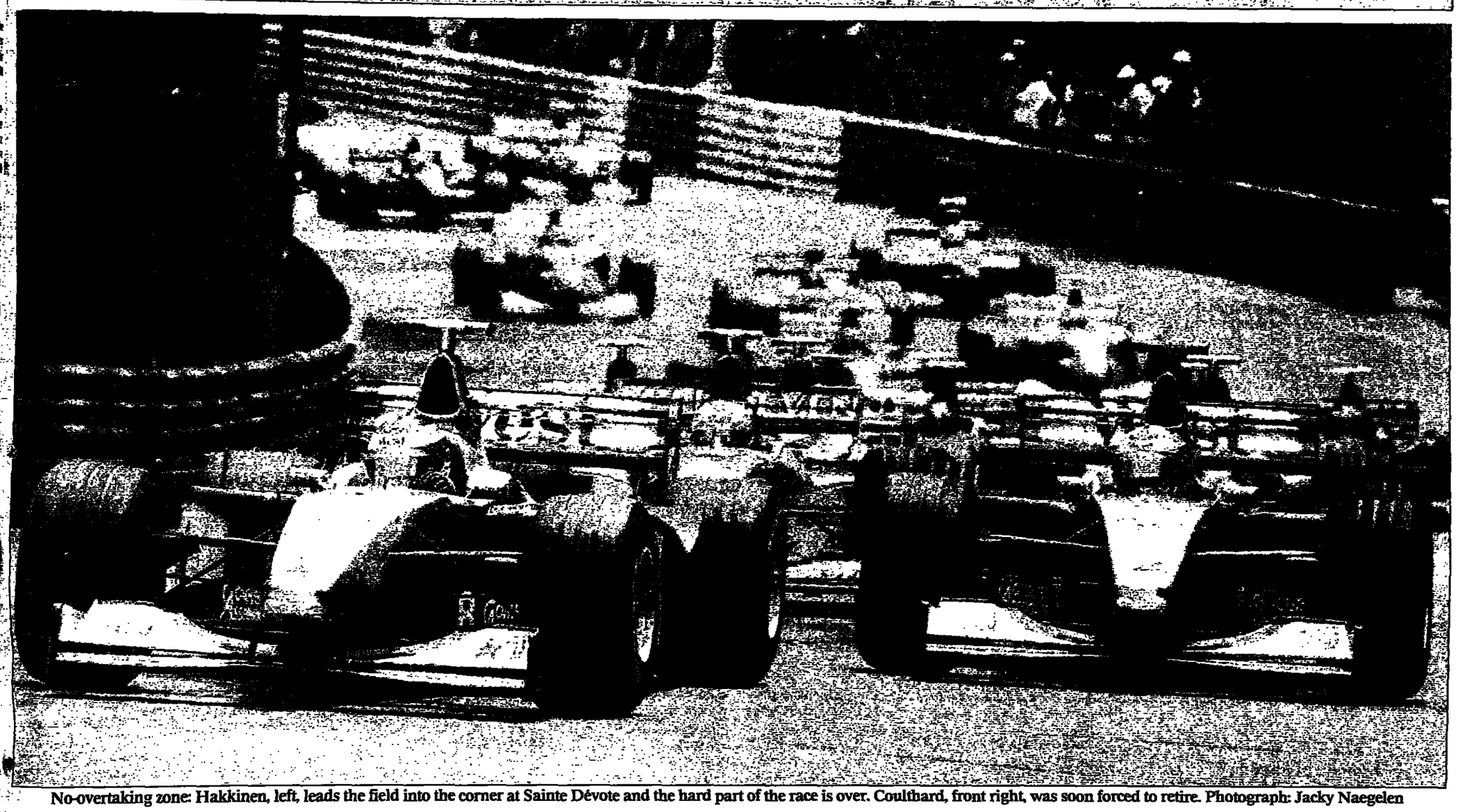
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FORMULA ONE ESTABLISHES FASTEN BELTS STAGE



No-overtaking zone: Hakkinen, left, leads the field into the corner at Sainte Dévote and the hard part of the race is over. Coulthard, front right, was soon forced to retire. Photograph: Jacky Naegelen

Gridlock in Monte Carlo

Kevin Eason watches a procession overtake the Monaco Grand Prix

THE bright red cover was pulled like a shroud over the battered and broken body of the Ferrari. Michael Schumacher's forlorn car was one more victim of the problem that is strangling the life out of Formula One. The double world champion came to race in the Monaco Grand Prix yesterday and found himself trapped in a procession instead.

When frustration forced him to attempt overtaking, something that has become almost impossible in his sport these days, the result was a crash that effectively wrecked his race. Overtaking in modern motor racing is undertaken only by the foolhardy or the desperate and Schumacher was desperate yesterday to break free of the predictability of Formula One.

Mika Hakkinen won again, his fourth victory in six races, leading untroubled from pole position to underline the superiority of his McLaren Mercedes and new-found confidence in his own ability. But as his hopes of winning the world championship grew stronger, David Coulthard's shrivelled underneath him after just 17 laps.

The team-mates had traded fastest laps — seven to Coulthard, five to Hakkinen — in the first 16 tours of the Monaco circuit until the Scot's Mercedes engine seized. Strolling back to the pits, a fan handed the Scot a consolatory beer and bar of chocolate. It was the only gift that he received all weekend as Hakkinen extended his championship lead to 17 points.

"I knew the first corner would be the key," Coulthard said, "but Mika was ahead and then it was just a question of staying as close as I could. But it was not to be."

Not to be for Coulthard, nor for any other driver condemned to trailing around Monaco's narrow, twisting streets, where the only overtaking is normally done by whining scooters weaving through the local rush-hour traffic.

The sense of expectation for this most glamorous of grands prix flickered only briefly, in the 500-metre dash from the start line to the first corner at Sainte Dévote. Everyone knew that if Hakkinen was through that right-hander safely, only fate could stop him winning, so calm and assured is the Finn at the moment.

The only threat was Coulthard and once he was out of the way, it was a race only to follow Hakkinen home and Schumacher needed the points that second place would bring to keep him in touch with him. Yet even Schumacher's skills are useless in a modern Formula One car designed with the speed but not the grip needed to outmanoeuvre and outsmart the opposition.

Lap after lap, the cars had skittered and danced past the royal box, where Prince Albert, heir to Monaco's Grimaldi dynasty, watched with guests who ranged from Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, to Sylvester Stallone, probably bemused by the fact that the cars always seemed to come past in the same order, like some improbable high-speed formation driving team. Stallone is planning a $100 million film based on Formula One, but his script-writers will need to invent more excitement than could be found here yesterday.

Poor Schumacher had to write his own lines and little good it did him. He chased Giancarlo Fisichella for 30 laps, sometimes the nose of his Ferrari only inches from the Italian's Benetton, before he realised that the pursuit was futile and decided to overtake by means of the pitstop. He emerged in front of Fisichella but behind the Benetton of Alexander Wurz, who had been promoted to second place (though, of course, a long way behind Hakkinen).

Again, it looked as if Schumacher's faster Ferrari would be held back by a Benetton until Wurz allowed just the slightest gap going down to Loews hairpin. Schumacher slid down the inside as they turned hard left, side by side, but Wurz is one of the toughest racers of the new generation and refused to back down, the Ferrari and Benetton banging wheels as they turned into the next right-hander.

Schumacher won the skirmish, but had barely breathed a sigh of relief when his rear suspension gave way. He came to the pits convinced that his race was over, even jumping out of the car, until mechanics decided that they could repair the damage. They did, but he emerged three laps behind the leader and beyond hopes of a point. If he had waited, he would probably have passed Wurz when the Austrian headed into the pits. Pragmatism usually triumphs over adventure in Formula One.

Wurz, too, paid the price, his car unexpectedly hurtling into the barrier as he came through the tunnel four laps after his collision with Schumacher. He said: "I think the car might have been damaged, but that is what happens. It is too difficult to overtake now. It was nobody's fault but we touch because we overtake so little and have to take chances."

So little that the only other memorable overtaking incident involved Eddie Irvine, who finished third, beating Heinz-Harald Frentzen on the inside at Loews in his Ferrari — with the inevitable result that Frentzen lost his Williams in the barrier.

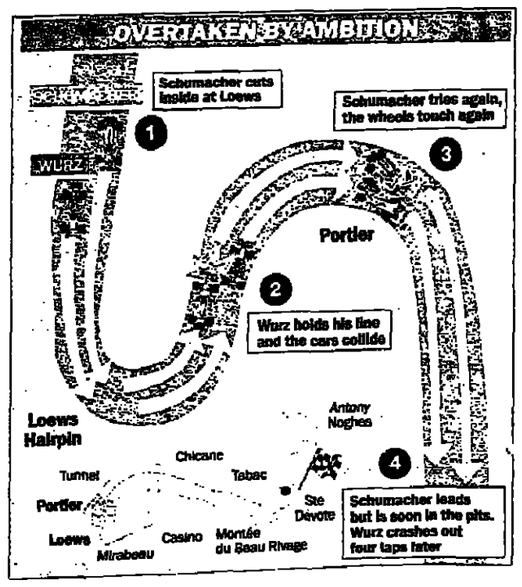
The rest of the race was the traditional catalogue of error and mechanical attrition, with only 11 of 21 cars finishing, including Damon Hill, who trundled around to finish in eighth place. It looked as though the handbrake was on his Jordan for most of the race.

Jacques Villeneuve had the best idea, doggedly taking his Williams from thirteenth on the grid to fifth as car after car in front crashed or broke down. Easier than overtaking.



Hakkinen celebrates

OVERTAKEN BY AMBITION



RESULTS AND STANDINGS

1, M Hakkinen (Fin, McLaren-Mercedes) 1hr 51min 23.585sec; 2, G Fisichella (It, Benetton-Mecachrome) at 11.475sec; 3, E Irvine (GB, Ferrari) 41.378; 4, M Salo (Fin, Arrows) 1:00 363, 5, J Villeneuve (Can, Williams-Mecachrome) at 77 laps; 6, P Diniz (Br, Arrows) 77; 7, J Herbert (GB, Sauber-Petronas) 77; 8, D Hill (GB, Jordan-Mugen Honda) 76, 9, S Nakano (Japan, Minardi-Ford) 76; 10, M Schumacher (Ger, Ferrari) 76; 11, T Takagi (Japan, Tyrrell-Ford) 76; 12, J Alesi (Fr, Sauber-Petronas) 72. Not classified: 13, J Trulli (It, Prost-Peugeot) 56; 14, O Panis (Fr, Prost-Peugeot) 49; 15, R Schumacher (Ger, Jordan-Mugen Honda) 44; 16, A Wurz (Austria, Benetton-Playlife) 42, 17, J Magnussen (Dan, Stewart-Ford) 30; 18, D Coulthard (GB, McLaren-Mercedes) 17; 19, R Barrichello (Br, Stewart-Ford) 11; 20, H Frentzen (Ger, Williams-Mecachrome) 9; 21, E Tuero (Arg, Minardi-Ford) 0. Fastest lap: Hakkinen 1:22 948

QUALIFYING TIMES: 1, Hakkinen 1min 19.786sec; 2, Coulthard 1.20.137; 3, Fisichella 1.20 368; 4, M Schumacher 1:20.702; 5, Frentzen 1:20729; 6, Wurz 1:20.955; 7, Irvine 1.21.712, 8, Salo 1.22.144, 9, Herbert 1.22.157; 10, Trulli 1:22.238; 11, Alesi 1:22.257; 12, Diniz 1:22.355; 13, Villeneuve 1:22.468; 14, Barrichello 1:22.540; 15, Hill 1:23.151; 16, R Schumacher 1.23 283; 17, Magnussen 1:23 411; 18, Panis 1:23.536; 19, Nagano 1:23.957; 20, Takagi 1:24.024; 21, Tuero 1:24.031. Failed to qualify: 22, R Rosset (Br, Tyrrell-Ford) 1:25 737.

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS (after six rounds): Drivers: 1, Hakkinen 46pts; 2, Coulthard 29; 3, M Schumacher 24; 4, Irvine 15; 5, Wurz 9; 6 equal, Frentzen and Villeneuve; 8, Fisichella 7; 9 equal, Alesi and Salo 3; 11, Barrichello 2; 12 equal, Herbert and Diniz 1. Constructors: 1, McLaren-Mercedes 75pts; 2, Ferrari 39; 3 equal, Williams-Mecachrome and Benetton-Mecachrome 16; 5 equal, Sauber-Petronas and Arrows 4; 7, Stewart-Ford 2

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TENNIS: SAMPRAS KEYED UP FOR THE ONE GRAND-SLAM TITLE TO HAVE ELUDED HIM

Rios awaits Paris coronation

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN PARIS

IT IS not just the leafy surrounds at *Roland Garros* that have blossomed this spring. The sap has been rising within Marcelo Rios, a once-brittle talent whose roots have finally taken hold.

Rios approaches the French Open, which starts here today, within reach of the game's highest honours. In thrusting towards his first grand-slam title, his ulterior motive is to usurp Pete Sampras, whose failure to land this championship has denied him the coveted clean sweep.

British interest is a rare cameo within this fascinating plot. Rios's *sublime talent has come to fruition* and it will take an inspired Sampras to keep him at bay. The odds favour the Chilean, whose fondness for clay is matched by Sampras's aversion to it.

Victory for Rios would identify him as the most potent threat to the overall superiority of Sampras since Andre Agassi's form took a *nosedive 18 months ago. Indeed*, a resurgent Agassi felt Rios's rage in the final of the Lipton championships seven weeks ago. Agassi succumbed in straight sets, his trademark aggression from the baseline more than matched by the Chilean left-hander.

Even a recent elbow injury — almost certainly the legacy of using a *longer racket this year — has* failed to arrest Rios's momentum. He resembled a runaway train as he romped to successive victories in Rome and St Pölten without dropping a set. The prince who would be king has won four of his past five *tournaments for the loss of one set.*

What Rios must prove here is his ability to play on the bigger stages. He surrendered abjectly in the final of the Australian Open four months ago, when humbled by Petr Korda. Yet this is a very different Rios. His propensity to disengage has not been evident since that catastrophic defeat in Melbourne.

That experience, far from haunting him, appears to have stiffened his resolve. A quarter-finalist last year, *Rios, 22, is undoubtedly the man to beat.* He starts on the Centre Court today against Brett Steven, of New Zealand, and will be followed out by Sampras, who plays Todd Martin, his compatriot.

Rios is projected to take on Sampras in the semi-finals, but the latter may not make it that far. The American, who ended 1997 ranked No 1 in the world for the fifth successive year, will be praying for a sunny fortnight. In these conditions, *the courts yield a little of their* slowness and the balls fly off the racket.

It was decidedly warm when Sampras reached the semi-finals here two years ago. "I have had great successes on every surface but clay," he said. "It's the surface that gives me more problems. To try and win the French Open is the biggest challenge of my career at this point."

So much so that Sampras has amended his schedule this year and practised at Roland Garros all of last week. Yet Sampras, the holder of ten grand-slam titles, rarely looks comfortable on clay. Those booming winners that he dispatches on other surfaces cannot penetrate the most obdurate of *defences. His tendency to press too* hard often results in a profligate number of unforced errors.

Greg Rusedski and Tim Henman will require further clay-court exposure before making an impression in Paris. A forward showing from either should be welcomed rather than expected. Rusedski, who has a 1-4 record on *clay this season, has prospects of* reaching the third round if he can win his opening match today against Johan van Herck, a solid clay-court player.

Henman, 3-4 on clay this year, has the easier opener, but a more demanding schedule beyond that. He has an excellent chance to win his first match in three visits here against *the out-of-form Sargis* Sargsian, of Armenia.

Gustavo Kuerten, the surprise winner last year, has a potential nightmare of a second-round match, against Agassi. The Brazilian, world-ranked No 8, a career high, looked to be playing himself into form until his crushing defeat by Rios in Rome ten days ago.

Among the women, *Martina* Hingis reigns supreme. Her recent defeat by Anna Kournikova came after victories in back-to-back tournaments had blunted her edge. Long since free of the knee injury that compromised her last year, Hingis will be stronger than when beaten by Iva Majoli in the final.

Although Hingis faces a raft of aspirants to her supremacy, no other player, with the possible *exception of Venus Williams, has* matched her consistency at the highest level. Williams, the world No 7, returns to the court after losing to Hingis in the Italian Open final when nursing an injured knee. The pair are scheduled to meet in the quarter-finals.

There is no British woman in the main draw after Karen Cross, the winner of two rounds of qualifying, fell at the last hurdle on Saturday against Liezel Horn, of South Africa.

JACQUES BRINON



Hingis, practising at Roland Garros, where she lost in the final in 1997, can go one better this year

REVISED FRENCH OPEN DRAW

MEN: * P Sampras (US) v T Martin (US); R Delgado (Par) v M Damm (Cz); S Sargsian (Arm) v T Henman (GB); A Medvedev (Ukr) v A Gaudenzi (It); A Lucas (Arg) v D Sanguinetti (It); F Santoro (Fr) v J-F Bachelot (Fr); A Clement (Fr) v B Black (Zim), W Schranz (Austria) v * F Mantilla (Sp); * K Kucera (Slovakia) v T Woodbridge (Aus), J A Marin (C Rica) v G Raoux (Fr), V Spadea (US) v D Nestor (Can), F Meligeni (Br) v T Johansson (Swe); T Nydahl (Swe) v S Draper (Aus); M Craca (Ger) v C van Garsse (Bel); N Kiefer (Ger) v T Haas (Ger), T Muster (Austria) v * J Bjorkman (Swe); * M Rios (Chile) v B Steven (NZ); E Alvarez (Sp) v M Tebbutt (Aus); M Washington (US) v M Norman (Swe), M Sinner (Ger) v W Ferreira (SA) ; B Ulrich (Cz) v W Black (Zim); M Philippoussis (Aus) v O Gross (Ger); J Burillo (Sp) v M Göllner (Ger); K Carlsen (Den) v * A Costa (Sp), * C Moyá (Sp) v S Grosjean (Fr), J-B Perlant (Fr) v P Imaz (Sp); S Doseděl (Cz) v M Tillström (Swe); J Alonso (Sp) v A Ille (Aus); J Courrier (US) v R Fromberg (Aus); J Knippschild (Ger) v C Costa (Sp); J Mas (Sp) v M Sell (US); J van Herck (Bel) v * G Rusedski (GB); * Y Kafelnikov (Russ) v M Navarra (It); D Rescan (Rom) v T Enqvist (Swe); M Martelli (It) v G Ivanisevic (Cro); F Dewulf (Bel) v M Larsson (Swe); *A Di Pasquale (Fr) v O Delaître (Fr); F Clavet (Sp) v* A Cheanokov (Russ); J van Lottum (Hol) v J Simerink (Holl); A Calatrava (Sp) v * M Chang (US); * A Corretja (Sp) v K Alami (Mor); F Vicente (Sp) v M Woodforde (Aus); M Rosset (Switz) v G Pozzi (It); *N Gumy (Arg) v S Bruguera (Sp); O Mutis* (Fr) v D Prinosil (Ger), M Gustafsson (Swe) v A O'Brien (US); J Stoltenberg (Aus) v G Blanco (Sp); S Lareau (Can) v * P Rafter (Aus), * G Kuerten (Br) v C Auffray (Fr); M Safin (Russ) v A Agassi (US), S Schalken (Holl) v D Vacek (Cz), M Rodriguez (Arg) v J-M Gambill (US); M Filippini (Uru) v C Poline (Fr); J Boutter (Fr) v C Vinck (Ger); R Gilbert (Fr) v A Portas (Sp); N Lapentti (Ec) v * R Krajicek (Holl); * A Berasategui (Sp) v G Stafford (SA); G Solves (Fr) v R Reneberg (US); D Hrbaty (Slovakia) v S Campbell (US); J Sánchez (Sp) v J A Vloca (Sp); J Novak (Cz) v H Arazi (Mor); J Golmard (Fr) v N Escudé (Fr); J Tarango (US) v P Haarhuis (Holl); M Zabaleta (Arg) v * P Korda (Cz)

WOMEN: * M Hingis (Switz) v M A Sanchez-Lorenzo (Sp); M Babel (Ger) v Y Yoshida (Japan); N Pratt (Aus) v I Gorrochategui (Arg), K Habsudova (Slovakia) v D Chladkova (Cz); S Berger (Fr) v B Rittner (Ger), N Sawamatsu (Japan) v L Nemechkova (Cz), A Smashnova (Ister) v L Neiland (Lat); E Gagliardi (Switz) v * N Tauziat (Fr), * I Spirlea (Rom) v S Pitschke (Austria); H Nagyova (Slovakia) v R McQuillan (Aus); N Dechy (Fr) v O Barabanschikova (Belo); A Cochetaux (Fr) v A Wunderlich (US); A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) v O Lugina (Ukr); B Schett (Austria) v A Gersi (Cz), L *Golarsa (It) v A Sugiyama (Japan); T Tanasugarn* (Thai) v * V Williams (US); * J Novotna (Cz) v A Miller (US); E Loit (Fr) v C Torrens-Valero (Sp); E Tatarkova (Ukr) v K Brandi (US); K Hrdlickova (Cz) v E Bes (Sp), G Nielsen (US) v S Jeyaseelan (Can); *H Inoue (Japan) v A Carlsson (Swe); S Kleimova* (Cz) v K Studenikova (Slovakia), A Mauresmo (Fr) v * A Kournikova (Russ); * L Raymond (US) v T Panova (Russ), L McNeil (US) v C Rubin (US), S Pitkowski (Fr) v M Seelu (Japan), L Andretto (Fr) v M A Venio (Ven), W Probst (Ger) v B Schwartz (Austria); M Oremans (Holl) v E Makarova (Russ), K-A Guse (Aus) v M Maruska (Austria); A Elwood (Aus) v * M Seles (US), * A Coetzer (SA) v P Schnyder (Switz), N Kijimuta (Japan) v J Halard-Decugis (Fr); A Glass (Ger) v J Kruger (SA); Wang Shi-Ting (Taiwan) v S Panna (It); R Dragomir (Rom) v J Husarova (Slovakia), F Perfetti (It) v S Chechini (It); P Hy-Boulais (Can) v M Sema (Sp); S Appelmans (Bel) v * M Pierce (Fr), * D van Roost (Bel) v M Grzybowska (Pol); L Ghirardi-Rubbi (Fr) v E Callens (Bel); C Moraru (US) v B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl), J Nejedly (Can) v S Williams (US), T Snyder (US) v E Curutchet (Fr), B Paulus (Austria) v A Fusai (Fr); C Cristea (Rom) v M de Swardt (SA); J Kandarr (Ger) v * A Sánchez Vicario (Sp); * C Martinez (Sp) v M Lamarre (Fr), J Lee (Taiwan) v R Grande (It); S Kloesel (Ger) v V Ruano-Pascual (Sp); M van Lottum (Fr) v A-G Sidot (Fr); Sung-Hee Park (S Kor) v F Lubiani (It); M Diaz-Oliva (Arg) v Li Fang (China); F Labat (Arg) v N Zvereva (Bela), P Stoyanova (Bul) v * I Majoli (Cro), ** S Testud (Fr) v S Reeves (US), N Miyagi (Japan)* v E Wegner (Ger); Y Basuki (Indo) v G Leon Garcia (Sp); R Bobkova (Cz) v P Suarez (Sp), S Cacic (US) v E Likhovtseva (Russ); A Alcazar (Sp) v C Black (Zim); C Chanin (Fr) v L Horn (SA), K Po (US) v * L Davenport (US).

** denotes seeded players*

BOXING

Dunne keeps world title and silences his critics

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

COLIN DUNNE proved himself to be a worthy champion when he defended his world championship against Emannuel Clottey, of Ghana, at York Hall on Saturday. The Liverpool lightweight has been denied recognition by experts because he holds an unfashionable *world title — the World Boxing* Union (WBU) version — but now both he and the WBU can be ignored no longer.

Dunne has shown that he has the physical and mental toughness to live up to the demands of his status and the WBU, an organisation based in Great Britain, has proved the equal of longer-established world bodies. *It has good* champions in Dunne, Shea Neary, Kevin Kelley and Angel Manfreddy, *who is avoided by those* claiming to be the best in the super-featherweight division.

Dunne was certainly flattered by the scoring of two of the judges who gave the bout to him by five rounds — on my card, he emerged the winner because of two extra points that he picked up after flooring Clottey in the seventh *round and almost stopping him in* the last — but his fighting spirit makes him one of the more *exciting names to follow in Britain.*

Clottey appeared, at first, to be too strong and lively for the Englishman, but Dunne's *determination paid off in the seventh,* when a perfect right and left combination dropped Clottey. *Even though Dunne was not able* to stop the contest, that success convinced him that he could win. The final round was one of the most rousing seen in a British ring for a long time as Dunne's nonstop aggression almost ended the bout. Dunne should become a favourite of television viewers.

The bout between Michael Brodie, the Commonwealth superbantamweight champion, from Manchester, and Simon Romani *underlined the need for Common*wealth championships to be judged by three officials. It was surprising not only to see Brodie's hand raised at the end but also to find he had won by five rounds. There had seemed to be no question that Romani had won by a comfortable margin after giving Brodie a boxing lesson, almost *stopping him in the last round.* While it does not follow that three judges will be better than one, it would at least be a fairer system.

EQUESTRIANISM

Sizer comes up trumps on fortunate spare ride

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

CAROLINE SIZER yesterday became the second rider in successive years to win The Chubb Insurance *Windsor International* Horse Trials on a chance mount when she and Barba's Star, a nine-year-old owned by Kate Leslie, held on to their overnight lead with a stylish clear round in the showjumping phase.

Sizer, 34, who took over on the diminutive mare when Leslie, a working pupil in her Norfolk yard, broke her ankle in a fall three weeks ago, kept a cool head under pressure to record her first three-day-event win.

Last year, Lucinda Fredericks seized her chance when she came in *for the spare ride on Night Life.*

Sizer's success came at the expense of Andrew Nicholson, of New Zealand, a team bronze-medal winner in the Olympic Games in 1996. Nicholson, runner-up at Saumur and Punchestown previously this season, had to content himself with second place again, despite a faultless perfor*mance on Deborah Burrell's strik*ing grey gelding, King Leo.

Third place, on Streetwise IV, went to Steven James, 24, a native of Hartlepool based with Terry Boon in Norfolk, who started eventing only in February. "It's unbelievable, I could never have imagined this," he said.

Although the cross-country course rode well on Saturday, the hard ground took its toll. Richard Waygood, equitation warrant officer *for the Household Cavalry,* finished in the lead after a superb round on Crackerjack, but had to withdraw when the horse pulled up lame. Boon, who had led after the dressage, also withdrew when his horse, Blue Admiral, went lame. Nicholson was so concerned with the going that he withdrew Valhalla, his second horse.

Polly Clark, 24, a team gold-medal winner in the 1994 Young Riders' European championships, gained her first success at senior level when she and The Tonka Toy won the masterpiece section, having led from the start.

After a superb round on Saturday, where her only worry came at the first water complex, Clark produced a polished clear round yesterday. The 13-year-old gelding was bought originally by her *father, Jonathan, to hunt with* The Wynnstay, in Cheshire.

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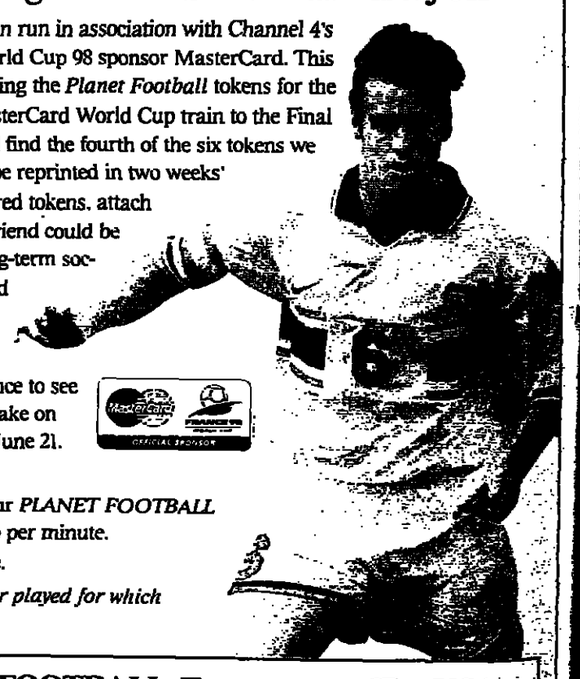
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Els threatening Montgomerie's bid for PGA championship

Wentworth thrilled by renewal of genius

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THE 1998 Volvo PGA Championship needed something of brilliance to light it up because it had, hitherto, been rather flaccid. Not one but two such performances came to the rescue yesterday when conditions were somewhat overcast until the sun broke through in mid-afternoon. After these two sparkling rounds, there is the enticing prospect today of a rousing finish in which Ernie Els and Colin Montgomerie will be at the heart of things.

That Els, the world No 1, and Montgomerie, who is ranked No 5, should be the leading, though not only, combatants is just as it should be for the premier event organised by the European Tour. There are few courses as well-suited to a shoot-out as the West course, few in such good condition at this stage of the season.

The first outstanding score yesterday came from Severiano Ballesteros and not many would have predicted how well he could roll back the years and record a seven-under-par round of 65, his lowest for 18 months.

It was just about lunchtime when Ballesteros, the one true genius of European golf, caused spectators in the hospitality units around the 18th green to down knives and forks and rush to the windows to watch him conjure up a birdie four when he was threatening to take six.

As the hullabaloo arose from around the 18th, Montgomerie was on the green at the 1st hole. He smiled to himself as he heard the noise, recognising the importance of a revitalised Ballesteros.

"You always know where Seve is on a course because that's where the crowds are and that says a lot for him," Montgomerie said later. "It is great that he seems to be getting back to some form. I know one round doesn't make a summer, but you have to play very well to score a 65 around here. Obviously, he is the most charismatic guy ever to play the game and in terms of natural talent I don't think you could say anyone has as much as he does."

Montgomerie was speaking after he, too, had handed in a 65, having played with a confidence born of the stunning conclusion to his second round, when he covered his last three holes in four under par. As he was seven under for his first 15 holes yesterday, it meant he had played 18 holes in 61 strokes.

Little wonder after such golf that, at 11 under par, he leads by one stroke from Dean Robertson and Mats Hallberg. Els, Gary Orr and David Gilford are nine under par.

The seven men who are eight under par include Ballesteros, Thomas Bjorn and Andrew Coltart as well as Michael Jonzon, the Swede who had been the overnight leader.

"When Seve's name is on a leaderboard, you know anything can and probably will happen," Montgomerie said. "He obviously has a great chance of winning and he knows that too."

It would be remarkable were Ballesteros to defeat Montgomerie and Els and the other challengers today. Els has had a quiet tournament so far after three rounds of 69 and one suspects he will need a lower score to get past Montgomerie. "Fifteen under will win," Montgomerie said confidently. "I need a 68. That will do it."

Montgomerie in this sort of mood is a hard man to overtake. He has, however, memories of being beaten by Ballesteros in a play-off in this event seven years ago, when the Spaniard hit a five iron 220 yards from the semi-rough on the first extra hole to within two feet.

And Montgomerie will not have forgotten how Els deliberately held himself in check on the 71st hole of last year's US Open in order to play his shot into the green first.

The tactic, clearly aimed at pressurising Montgomerie, may have been why the Scot's second shot drifted to the right from where he took three more strokes to hole out.

That was game, set and match to Els. Will it be the same today or will Montgomerie get a measure of revenge? Or will Ballesteros's flame of genius flare up once more?

THIRD ROUND

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

LEADING SCORES: 205: C Montgomerie 70, 70, 65. 206: D Robertson 70, 69, 67. M Hallberg (Swe) 68, 69, 69. 207: G Orr 70, 69, 68; D Gilford 70, 69, 68; E Els (SA) 69, 69, 69. 208: S Ballesteros (Sp) 72, 71, 65. P Hampton 70, 69, 69; T Bjorn (Den) 70, 69, 69; G Turner (NZ) 70, 68, 70; A Coltart 72, 68, 70; P Lonard (Aus) 72, 65, 71. M Jonzon (Swe) 66, 70, 72. 209: P Sjoland (Swe) 72, 71, 66; P McGinley 72, 69, 68. 210: M Florioli (It) 75, 68, 67; J Coceres (Arg) 73, 69, 68; W Westner (SA) 73, 69, 68; D Howell 68, 71, 71.



KIERAN DOHERTY

Ballesteros drives at the 18th, his ball missing the fairway on the right but his fans remaining true to their hero

Pied Piper still calling the tune

Mel Webb sees a vintage display of elan and escapology by Severiano Ballesteros

Golf is a game that can be a vivid and alluring sporting spectacle when it is played well. Anybody playing good golf is worth watching; nobody playing poorly is likely to grip the attention of the average observer for more than a few, fleeting minutes. There is but one exception to the rule, and it is the exception that proves that rule. We will call it the Seve Effect.

Severiano Ballesteros had a 65 yesterday and was followed in the making of it by the biggest gallery that has been seen at Wentworth these past three days. Yes, a 65 that dammed up the sands that have seemed to be running ever faster from the hourglass of Ballesteros's career in recent years. However — and this is the Seve Effect operating at its maximum efficiency — it is unlikely to have been much smaller had his score been ten strokes worse.

Ballesteros is a latter-day Pied Piper who turns fiction into fact, an individual who transforms adults into wide-eyed children unable to resist the compulsion to march adoringly in his footsteps. He started the day at one under par, seemingly out of contention having almost missed the cut, yet, as he walked down the 1st fairway, there were already hundreds trooping along in his wake.

The people love Ballesteros and he returns their affection; he is the greatest entertainer that European golf has seen. Whether he is casting the ball into hitherto unexplored parts or caressing it into the hole for birdies and eagles, he remains compulsively watchable. He is a man with considerable natural dignity, who also wears his huge heart on his sleeve.

Glower with him when he misses another fairway, fulminate with him when he misses a putt for par, exalt with him when he holes another for a birdie, celebrate with him when he plays a wonder stroke to get out of the jungle. Follow Ballesteros and be prepared to have emotions put through the wringer, for they surely will be.

He was suffering from a multitude of small injuries — "I've got a bad foot, a bad back and a bad elbow and pulled a muscle in my neck on the 14th tee," he said. "Other than that, I'm fine." Injuries? Injuries are as nothing when Ballesteros has the muse with him. It was there in all its glory on this day.

He was quite often wayward off the tee, as he has been throughout his career, but was nearly always rescued, as he has been throughout his career, by his short irons and his putter. He had only 22 putts in a round that was decorated with an eagle and seven birdies. There were two bogeys, too, as punishment for moments of wild excess when not even he could break free from the mess into which he had put himself.

As he approached the final two holes, both par fives, both birdie chances, he had gone back to six under par and desperately needed a good finish. With no less than 95 per cent skill and imagination and no more than 5 per cent luck, he managed it.

He missed the green on the 17th, but put a sand-wedge to five feet and holed the putt. Birdie. He missed the fairway by a considerable margin on the right at the last and could not see any part of the green. No problem; a bold, faded three-wood left him 70 yards short of the hole, followed by a delicious little sand-wedge to six feet and, again, a successful putt. Birdie; 65. The sun could shine again.

He claimed later that he would like to be steady "like Nick Faldo". But wait: "If Nick played the way I played today, I think he'd be in trouble. I don't think Nick could take so many drives in the trees, and ... I'd better not say any more." Belly-laughs from a bunch of hardened hacks; yet again, he had an audience in the palm of his hands. Just mark it down to the Seve Effect.

CYCLING

Boardman races to stage win in Prutour

BY PETER BRYAN

CHRIS BOARDMAN, ever optimistic when the going has been hard this season, surprised even himself yesterday to round off a winning weekend in the nine-day Prutour.

On Saturday, he won the 2.6-mile prologue time-trial on the cobbled climb to Stirling Castle. The victory, albeit only by 2sec, was all he needed to wear the first red jersey as race leader.

The dangerman to Boardman before the start yesterday was George Hincapie, of the United States, 2sec behind overall and noted for his fast turn of speed in the sprints. With this in mind, the tactics of Boardman's Gan team were to try to get their riders placed in the three sprints on the route and to keep Boardman — not a noted sprinter — in contention.

In the first hour, the riders' speed rarely went above 20mph, even with the benefit of a tail wind, but after 1½ hours' riding, Eros Poli, a colleague of Boardmans, attacked, accelerating to 40mph and interrupting the lethargy within the bunch. Matthew Postle and Max Nielsen, of Denmark, went with him, but the fugitives were soon chased down.

Poli tried again, gaining 100 yards with no reaction at first from those behind, and he remained on his own for the next 25 miles. Once again, Postle was in pursuit and, with David McKenzie, of Australia, began reeling in Poli on the descent of Carter Bar.

The turning point came just after the climb of Winter's Gibbet, when four riders went clear, to be joined within two miles by a group of 15. In the new pack of 19 were Boardman, Hincapie, Stuart O'Grady and John Tanner.

Boardman's biggest challenge of the race came in the closing stages covering three circuits of 2½ miles in the centre of Newcastle. Fearing that he was not the equal of some of the sprinters in the leading pack, Boardman spotted a likely point for a later attack on the first circuit — a run down to a climb. His plan worked on the second lap and he went clear, holding off an attack from Andre Korff, of Festina, on a tough uphill finish to the line.

The victory means that Boardman starts the stage from Gateshead to York today with 9sec in hand from Hincapie and 10sec from O'Grady. Just as important, this was Boardman's first road race win of the season — an encouraging build up to the Tour de France in July.

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RUGBY LEAGUE: BLUE SOX DISPLAY IMPRESSIVE POWERS OF RECOVERY

Halifax pick forward gear

Halifax Blue Sox 16
St Helens 10

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

OPPONENTS are going to have to learn to take Halifax far more seriously. Having beaten Bradford Bulls, the Super League champions last year, the revitalised Blue Sox impressively disposed of the 1996 winners with another super-charged forward display yesterday.

Halifax are coming together far more quickly than the half-built New Shay. Since the move from Thrum Hall, they are unbeaten at their new home, where a third successive victory was hard-earned against a bitterly disappointing St Helens, who slumped to a third league defeat and remain worryingly outside the top-five play-off positions.

For a second week, Halifax came from behind, after they had trailed 10-4 and St Helens had looked to be getting their act together when superb work by Newlove released Sullivan on half-time.

Halifax went clear in fourth place, shackling a discordant St Helens in the second half with a powerful defensive performance. Pearson, brought off the bench for his kicking, made the visitors pay for indiscipline with two penalties in the last 14 minutes.

Shaun McRae, the St Helens coach, expressed his displeasure. "There are guys out there who are paid a lot of money and they are the ones who don't seem to be coping with the pressure," he said.

Halifax could afford even to spurn three definite try-scoring chances as their big pack made significant inroads. Harrison and Skerrett, the prop forwards, along with the dashing Mercer and the hard-working Moana in the back row, imposed themselves throughout.

St Helens had gone ahead when Sculthorpe (before he sustained a suspected broken sternum in a challenge by Skerrett) ran on to a neat pass by Goulding. An outstanding build-up by the Halifax forwards brought the reply of a try by Tuilagi, who subsequently missed an easy second chance, which he regretted even more when Sullivan increased the St Helens lead.

Gillespie dropped the ball on the line when it was easier to score, but Moana stepped inside Davidson for a deserved Halifax try and Pearson's conversion gave them a lead that they never looked like relinquishing.

SCORERS: Halifax: Tries: Tuilagi, Moana. Goals: Pearson (3). Chester. St Helens: Tries: Sculthorpe, Sullivan. Goal: Goulding.
HALIFAX BLUE SOX: J Bloem; F Tuilagi, D Gibson, D Bouveng, D Powell; C Chester, G Clinch, K Harrison, P Rowley, K Skerrett, G Mercer, D Clark, M Moana. Substitutes: O Mann, M Pearson, R Marshall, C Gillespie.
ST HELENS: P Atcheson; C Smith, D Smith, P Newlove, A Sullivan; S Long; R Goulding; B Goldspink, K Cunningham, J O'Neill, C Joynt, P Sculthorpe, K Hammond. Substitutes: A Perelini, P Davidson, A Haigh, T Martyn.
Referee: R Connolly (Wigan).

Rhinos do it the hard way

LEEDS Rhinos withstood an even sterner test of character than their defeat of Wigan Warriors a week earlier when they fought back from 23-4 down to win 24-23 away to Sheffield Eagles on Saturday, despite having Adrian Morley sent off (Christopher Irvine writes).

Their 100 per cent record was maintained after an offside offence and then dissent by a Sheffield player took the penalty to the halfway line, which Jestyn Harris landed two minutes from the end. "When I find out who it was, I'll hit him in the pay packet," John Kear, the Eagles coach, said.

With four players injured and no fresh legs to bring on, Sheffield were helpless after they had intially opened up an apparently unassailable 19-point lead with tries by Paul Carr, Waisale Sovatabua, Keith Senior and Nick Pinkney and a dropped goal and three goals by Marcus Vassilakopoulos.

Morley's 54th-minute dismissal galvanised the Rhinos, whose comeback began with Paul Sterling's second try. Francis Cummins and Graham Holroyd added further scores while Harris managed all three conversions, as well as the decisive late penalty.

After winning their opening two matches, Hull Sharks need to pick themselves up after four successive defeats, at home tonight against Warrington Wolves.

Redhill, from Castleford, beat Ideal ABL from Hull, by 40-12 at Featherstone on Saturday to win the BNFL 25th National Amateur Cup Final.

Injuries fail to hinder Broncos

London Broncos 21
Salford Reds 12

BY A CORRESPONDENT

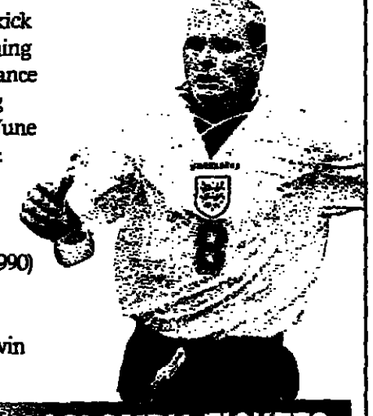
THE London Broncos, racing into a 14-0 lead in the opening quarter, recorded their third win of the season over a disappointing Salford Reds at the Stoop Memorial Ground yesterday to kick-start their challenge for a top-five place in the JJB Super League.

Despite losing Martin Offiah and John Timu through injury after only 15 minutes, the Broncos played an open game and were rewarded with tries from Damien Chapman and Darren Higgins. Terry Matterson converted both and added a penalty.

A good break by McAvoy allowed Rogers to put Crompton over for a try that the Salford scrum half converted. Crompton was again on target with a penalty from 45 metres to put Salford back in the game with a half-time scoreline of 14-8.

The Broncos, though, struck first in the second half after an excellent break by Ryan from deep in his own half. Beazley sprinted 25 metres to the tryline and Matterson converted. Martin showed determination with a 40-metre run to the Broncos' line to narrow the gap to eight points, but Chapman added insurance with a dropped goal.

SCORERS: London Broncos: Tries: Chapman, D Higgins, Beazley. Conversions: Matterson (3). Goal: Matterson. Dropped goal: Chapman. Salford Reds: Tries: Crompton, Martin. Conversion: Crompton. Goal: Crompton.
LONDON BRONCOS: M Toshack; R Smyth, J Timu, C Ryan, M Offiah; T Collett, D Chapman, G Young, R Beazley, M Dunford, P Gill, S Fletcher, T Matterson. Substitutes: M Salter, D Higgins, I Higgins, S Roosten.
SALFORD REDS: G Broadbent; P Hassan, S Martin, N McAvoy, D Rogers; J White, M Crompton; A Platt, P Edwards, C Eccles, P Highton, J Faimalo, D Hulme. Substitutes: S Blakeley, E Faimalo, L Savelio, C Randall.
Referee: S Ganson (St Helens).

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CHANGING TIMES

CRICKET

Exclusive 300 club welcomes Loye as newest member

BY JOHN STERN

NORTHAMPTON (final day of four): Northamptonshire (6pts) drew with Glamorgan (11)

THAT there was anyone at all here yesterday as new milestones in Northamptonshire's history were set in place was a miracle in itself, given the local hype that surrounded the appearance of Northampton Town in football's second division play-off final.

The few hundred dedicated followers who were in the County Ground at 3.02pm, just after the football had kicked off, saw Malachy Loye, a former England A batsman, reach the highest score made by a Northamptonshire player. However, such is football's all-pervasive power these days, listeners to the local BBC radio station were unaware of his achievement until half-time at Wembley.

When Loye steered Steve Watkin to the third-man boundary, he went past the 300 made by Raman Subba Row against Surrey at the Oval in 1958.

In his moment of triumph, Loye had not one but two batting partners, Northamptonshire captains past and present. Rob Bailey, the captain last year, had come in at No 10, having been put out of action the day before with a back spasm and with him, doing his running, was Kevin Curran, the present captain. Loye's father, Pat, was in the crowd, as he had been for most of his son's marathon effort on this most placid of pitches.

When Northamptonshire were eventually bowled out for 712, their second-highest total, Loye was unbeaten with 322, an innings spanning ten hours and 48 minutes. His runs were made from 534 balls and he hit 49 fours. His score leaves him nestled alongside Eddie Paynter and Viv Richards in that eminent list of triple-century makers.

Loye, 25, who was born locally and came through the junior ranks, resumed his innings well aware of Subba Row's record and feeling, not unreasonably, that already having 201 runs to his name, he would never have a better chance of beating it, even though this three-figure score was his first since the end of the 1996 season, since when injuries have been common and confidence low.

He looked less at ease yesterday than he had done on Saturday, when he came to the crease in the third over after the departure of Alec Swann. Then, his driving off the back and front foot was superb, many of his strokes being hit so effortlessly and timed so sweetly that the ball reached the boundary having teased a Glamorgan fielder all the way to the rope.

Loye offered his only genuine chance yesterday morning, when, on 227, he cut Waqar Younis hard to the left of Gary Butcher at backward point. The fieldsman was unable to hold on.

At that stage, David Ripley, the wicketkeeper, whose career-best 209 was overshadowed by his partner's efforts, was playing more confidently and his pull for six — the first of the innings — off Tony Cottey brought up a partnership of 400 between the two.

Most significant of the other various records broken during the play yesterday, which, for Glamorgan, held a nightmarish quality given the control that they had exerted in the earlier part of the game, was the size of that fifth-wicket partnership between Loye and Ripley. Their stand of 401 in 92 overs was not only the best for any Northamptonshire wicket, but also the highest fifth-wicket partnership achieved in England. The only two larger involved the Waugh brothers, who made 464 together in the 1990-91 Australian season, and Bradman and Barnes, who put on 405 in 1946-47.

Northamptonshire, 391 behind on the first innings, seemed doomed to defeat when they lunched at 141 for three on Saturday. However, they lost only two more wickets in the following three sessions and dined yesterday at 555 for five. With the game dead by tea, Curran decided to allow his young batsman to bat on and let the county champions, who will curse their failure to win this fixture, toil some more.

As if to rub Welsh noses in it, Devon Malcolm enlivened the later stages by carving his way to 42, nine short of his career best.

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Surrey (6)	4	2	1	1	13	12	60
Sussex (18)	4	2	1	1	10	15	60
Derbyshire (16)	4	2	2	0	8	14	54
Kent (2)	4	2	0	2	4	11	53
Gloucs (7)	4	2	2	0	5	18	53
Yorkshire (8)	4	2	2	0	7	14	53
Durham (17)	4	1	2	1	6	15	40
Warwicks (4)	4	1	2	1	7	14	40
Lancashire (11)	4	1	1	2	8	10	40
Northants (15)	4	1	0	3	5	9	39
Glamorgan (1)	3	1	0	2	5	12	39
Worcs (3)	3	1	0	2	7	7	36
Notts (13)	4	1	2	1	3	14	36
Somerset (12)	4	1	2	1	5	11	35
Middlesex (4)	4	1	1	2	7	6	35
Leics (10)	3	1	0	2	1	6	25
Essex (9)	4	0	3	1	5	14	22
Hampshire (14)	3	0	1	2	3	7	16

(Last year's positions in brackets)

Ramprakash hits rich vein of form

BY PAT GIBSON

UXBRIDGE (final day of four): Middlesex (9pts) drew with Worcestershire (10)

IF THE burghers of Uxbridge come to honour Mark Ramprakash in the same way as they celebrated two former Middlesex captains, by naming adjoining roads Brearley Close and Gatting Way, they may have to opt for the dual carriageway that runs alongside the ground.

Ramprakash scored his second century of the match yesterday to make sure that Middlesex were not buried under Worcestershire's mountainous first innings total of 627 for six declared. It was his eighth hundred at Uxbridge, the second time that he had made two in a match here and the third time he had done so for Middlesex.

His achievement will have been ample compensation for Gatting, who was still 17 runs short of the 93rd century of his career when the match was called off as a draw with Middlesex 373 for five in their second innings, 135 runs ahead.

Gatting the batsman has probably accepted that, with his 41st birthday looming next month, he is not going to fulfil his dream of scoring a hundred hundreds. Gatting the England selector is looking rather further ahead and the knowledge that Ramprakash, having established himself in the Test side with that monumental 154 in Barbados, is ready for the confrontation with South Africa at Edgbaston a week on Thursday is immensely reassuring.

People will argue that pitches like this one, which produced 1,389 runs over four days for the loss of only 21 wickets, are no good for the game, but they can still provide a fair test of a player's capabilities. After all, Middlesex were forced to follow on after losing their last seven wickets for 90 on Saturday and they still had work to do yesterday when they resumed 171 behind at 67 without loss.

They soon lost Kettleborough, but after that Langer, whose appetite for runs makes Gatting's fondness for cheese and pickle sandwiches seem moderate in the extreme, and Ramprakash, looking to make a point after being left out of the one-day internationals, batted superbly in a second-wicket stand of 125.

Langer made 118 off 153 balls, hitting 19 fours, before he was bowled behind his legs by Haynes and Ramprakash had reached 108 off 163 balls, including 18 fours, when he went to pull a short ball from Solanki that looped off bat and pad to slip.



WINSTON BYNORTH

Tired but happy, Loye leaves the field at Northampton with the scoreboard proclaiming his achievement

Butcher fails to rescue Surrey

BY JOHN THICKNESSE

TAUNTON (final day of four): Somerset (20pts) beat Surrey (5) by 165 runs

MARK BUTCHER batted for 337 minutes without offering a chance, carrying his bat, but deprived of Surrey's four England batsmen, the 25-year-old left-hander lacked support and Somerset completed their first championship win in four starts when Andrew Caddick yorked Joey Benjamin in late afternoon.

It was a remarkable win by Somerset, who, within 95 minutes of the start on Thursday, found themselves floundering at 94 for five on a green-top. Though Caddick, 29, had to be content with five for 164, nobody more deserved to be on the winning side than he. He bowled 59.2 overs in this match and beat the bat so regularly that he would not have been flattered had he taken 15 wickets.

However, in Matt Bulbeck, 18, Somerset appear to have discovered a cricketer who might turn out to be a gem. Not only did he take six wickets for 100 on his first appearance in the first team, but also scored 45 calm runs without losing his wicket, batting at No 10.

On a pitch that gained in bounce and pace what it lost in movement off the seam as the game developed, it was Bulbeck who made the first important breaks in the Surrey batting yesterday by dismissing the left-handed Ward with the sixth ball of the morning and Nadeem Shahid with the fourteenth.

The ball to Shahid was a beauty — a textbook over-the wicket inswinger that ducked past the right-hander's bat and trapped him plumb in front leg-before.

Bulbeck's quick double strike meant that Surrey had slithered from 85 without loss late on Saturday to 92 for three, exposing their depleted middle order. From there, the likelihood was that Somerset would be denied only by Butcher and Ben Hollioake both making hundreds. Superbly as Caddick bowled for an hour, beating even Butcher three or four times, Hollioake began with such composure that, for a time, that did not look impossible.

Hollioake sees the ball early and, helped by beautiful timing, dismisses the bad ball with fearsome power. His judgment of what to leave was flawless until, in swift succession, he was hit on the bottom hand, then in the box — one of Caddick's surprisingly rare break-backs — which unsettled him and perhaps helped to get him out. Having put on 48 in 85 minutes with Butcher, Surrey's biggest stand of the day, Hollioake missed a yorker-length outswinger from Trescothick and was leg-before.

After James Knott, Alan's son, was leg-before and Batty taken at first slip, the main interest was whether Butcher would run out of partners before he reached three figures. Tudor saw him into the mid-eighties and Salisbury to 93, but Butcher needed Martin Bicknell's assistance to see him to the mark, Bulbeck overpitching and Butcher drilling him past cover.

In all, he faced 246 balls and hit 16 fours. His only lapses came when he was 55, slicing Caddick in the air past gully, and at 92, when Caddick shaved his off stump when he missed a drive.

Byas sides with beaten Yorkshire

GLOUCESTER (final day of four): Gloucestershire (23pts) beat Yorkshire (4) by 300 runs

BY JACK BAILEY

ESCAPE for Yorkshire was never a real possibility. Only five wickets remained and 378 runs separated the teams, the Gloucestershire bowlers were fresh, anxious to get things over with, and support for the visitors was thin on the ground, though vociferous.

Just for a while, though, Richard Blakey and Matthew Wood held firm yesterday. So solid did they look during a partnership worth 60 from 20 overs that Gloucestershire had long since begun to show signs of irritation. Then Mike Smith, another Yorkshireman, broke through. Wood was beautifully caught by Hancock, low down at square leg, and this was the prelude to the last four Yorkshire wickets falling in four overs for a dozen runs.

Thus did Gloucestershire achieve their second victory in four Britannic Assurance county championship matches and Yorkshire suffer their second successive defeat. David Byas, their captain, though aware that Yorkshire had been outplayed almost from start to finish, was keen to look at the credit side of the season's ledger. "We are currently top of the Axa League, in the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup and, even after this, we remain high in the championship table," he said. "I would rather we suffered two successive defeats now than in August."

Gloucestershire had looked a more solid combination. Craig White's bowling for Yorkshire was the outstanding individual performance, but Gloucestershire's strength in depth, both with the bat and in the field, looked to be streets ahead of Yorkshire, who suffered from the enforced absence of Gough and Silverwood and looked callow by comparison.

The resistance by Wood and Blakey did last long enough to bring out the worst of Gloucestershire's temperament in the field. To begin with, they appeared to be waiting for surrender while themselves going through the motions. As the stand prospered, constant appealing assumed an air of noisy desperation.

One end was occupied throughout by Martyn Ball's off spin. Just why he bowled only two balls from round the wicket on a dry fourth-day pitch was hard to explain, but he took three of the five wickets to fall yesterday, most notably that of Blakey, snapped up by Windows behind square on the leg side. Although less well rewarded, Smith and, in particular, Walsh, had been the real dangermen. At this stage of the season, Walsh is still a fiery proposition.

Afzaal at the helm as losing run comes to an end

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

EDGBASTON (final day of four): Nottinghamshire (21pts) beat Warwickshire (4) by six wickets

TO WIN here against a better-equipped team amounts to a feather that the men of Nottingham can stick in their hat, though it does not grant a licence to swank. Six successive defeats before this victory acquainted them well enough with failure to know that they are not yet sitting on top of the world.

They have made a start, that's all. After surrendering in abysmal manner to Derbyshire and Sussex, they needed to win, any old how, and this performance gives them both a measure of self-respect and something against which they can judge themselves. There can be no back-sliding.

When the game resumed yesterday morning, they were well placed. Having reached 66 for one on Saturday, in pursuit of 193, they had only to bat competently to get there and they proceeded to do just that, losing Dowman before lunch for 63 and two men to the impressive Giddins shortly before Tolley made the winning hit.

Dowman made 107 runs in the match, a total exceeded by Powell, whose 143 runs, for once out, was a notable effort in a losing cause. These openers played well for their sides and perhaps proved something to themselves. Warwickshire know now that, in Powell, they have a batsman on whom they can depend.

Afzaal, batting at No 3 in place of the recently-recruited Gallian, who will be out for another two weeks with a groin strain, also had a good game. He insured the innings against disaster with an unbeaten 73, adding 111 with Dowman for the second wicket, which represented a big stand in a game of low scores.

Dowman edged Sheikh to Lara at second slip shortly before lunch. Then, with victory in sight, Johnson was superbly taken by Ostler, in the same position, and another slip catch did for Gie. Giddins, game to the last, finished the match with seven wickets, so nobody can say he did not do his best.

Warwickshire, who conceded a first-innings lead of 88, will be disappointed, for, with Lara and Powell together at the close of the second day, they were 71 on with eight wickets in hand. Yet Lara did not stay for a hundred, the middle order folded and Nottinghamshire's task was not as daunting as it might have been.

In its low-key way, quite out of keeping with the vast scores being made elsewhere, this was an interesting match. The cricket was not always of top-notch quality and neither was the pitch, but enough of the players responded to the demanding circumstances to make it a decent contest.

THE WEEKEND'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Essex v Lancashire

CHELMSFORD (final day of four): Lancashire (23pts) beat Essex (5) by seven wickets

ESSEX: First Innings 242 (S G Law 55; G Chapple 5 for 49).

Second Innings

D D J Robinson c sub b Chapple 25
I N Flanagan lbw b Watkinson 44
S D Peters c sub b Chapple 45
*S G Law c Hegg b Green 49
R C Irani c Hegg b Chapple 2
A J E Hibbert b Watkinson 6
†R J Rollins lbw b Watkinson 4
D R Law st Hegg b Watkinson 17
M C Ilott b Flintoff 14
N F Williams not out 5
D M Cousins b Watkinson 6
Extras (b 9, lb 9, w 8) 26
Total 244

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82, 2-113, 3-162, 4-164, 5-188, 6-190, 7-195, 8-222, 9-222.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 7.1-2-21-0; Chapple 20-4-59-3, Shadford 12.5-4-34-0; Watkinson 24.5-6-45-5; Green 21-7-57-1, Flintoff 4-1-10-1.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 314 (N H Fairbrother 126; D R Law 4 for 70).

Second Innings

N T Wood c Irani b Williams 32
M A Atherton c Rollins b Williams 13
J P Crawley not out 64
A Flintoff c Williams b Ilott 37
G Chapple not out 23
Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 4) 6
Total (3 wkts) 175

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-57, 3-106.

BOWLING: Ilott 14-7-37-1; D R Law 8-2-56-0; Williams 10-2-30-2; Irani 6.1-1-29-0; Flanagan 1-0-1-0.

Umpires: R A White and J Lloyds.

Gloucestershire v Yorkshire

GLOUCESTER (final day of four). Gloucestershire (23pts) beat Yorkshire (4) by 300 runs

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 329 (R C Russell 63 not out, A M Smith 61, G I Macmillan 53; C White 8 for 55).

Second Innings

G I Macmillan c Wood b Hutchison 0
T H C Hancock c Blakey b Hoggard 4
A J Wright c and b White 57
*M W Alleyne c Byas b Vaughan 65
M G N Windows not out 100
M J Church c White b Hoggard 23
†R C Russell c and b Hamilton 37
M C J Ball c Blakey b Stemp 6
J Lewis c Stemp b Hoggard 5
A M Smith not out 24
Extras (b 13, lb 2, w 2) 17
Total (8 wkts dec) 328

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-4, 3-118, 4-132, 5-178, 6-251, 7-282, 8-277.

BOWLING: Hutchison 16-2-43-1; Hoggard 13-2-43-3; White 16.2-3-50-1; Hamilton 14-2-56-1; Stemp 17-5-41-1; Vaughan 15-1-80-1

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 143

Second Innings

A McGrath c Russell b Smith 16
M P Vaughan lbw b Smith 4
*D Byas run out 15
D S Lehmann c Alleyne b Ball 69
C White c Church b Walsh 19
M J Wood c Hancock b Smith 25
†R J Blakey c Windows b Ball 34
G M Hamilton c Hancock b Ball 9
R D Stemp b Walsh 9
P M Hutchison not out 1
M J Hoggard lbw b Ball 0
Extras (lb 1, nb 12) 13
Total 214

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-41, 3-56, 4-130, 5-132, 6-192, 7-202, 8-203, 9-213.

BOWLING: Walsh 16-3-55-2; Smith 16-2-55-3; Ball 26.4-6-72-4; Lewis 5-1-22-0; Alleyne 5-1-9-0.

Umpires: R Palmer and A G T Whitehead

Kent v Durham

CANTERBURY (final day of four): Kent (24pts) beat Durham (4) by an innings and 27 runs

DURHAM: First Innings 229 (M J Foster 76 not out; M M Patel 5 for 73).

Second Innings

J J B Lewis st Marsh b Patel 72
M A Gough c Fulton b Headley 2
N C Phillips c McCague b Headley 5
N J Speak lbw b Headley 0
P D Collingwood b Headley 0
†M P Speight c Headley b McCague 18
*J E Morris c Fulton b Headley 32
M J Foster c McCague b Patel 39
M M Betts not out 12
J Wood c McCague b Headley 0
S J Harmeson c Walker b Patel 30
Extras (b 7, lb 8, nb 16) 29
Total 239

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-63, 3-63, 4-77, 5-116, 6-124, 7-160, 8-196, 9-198.

BOWLING: Headley 19-4-71-6; McCague 12-1-58-1, Hooper 1-1-0-0; Iggleden 7-0-30-0; Patel 15.2-1-57-3.

KENT: First Innings 496 (R W T Key 101, A P Wells 95, S A Marsh 92, D P Fulton 65)

Umpires: D J Constant and J F Steele.

Leicestershire v Hampshire

LEICESTER (final day of four): Leicestershire (6pts) draw with Hampshire (9)

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 361 (A N Aymes 133; A D Mullally 5 for 72).

Second Innings

G W White c Sutcliffe b Brimson 21
J S Laney b Mullally 0
*R A Smith lbw b Dakin 3
M Keech c Simmons b Dakin 33
P J Hartley c Simmons b Mullally 5
†A N Aymes b Mullally 4
A D Mascarenhas b Dakin 53
K D James not out 55
S D Udal lbw b Sutcliffe 62
N A M McLean not out 17
Extras (b 5, lb 4, w 2, nb 2) 13
Total (8 wkts) 276

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-10, 3-54, 4-64, 5-68, 6-77, 7-151, 8-252.

BOWLING: Mullally 20-8-45-3; Dakin 25.6-38-3; Brimson 26-9-68-1, Wells 5-2-7-0; Mason 25-4-72-0; Williamson 3-0-14-0; Sutcliffe 3-0-17-1; Smith 3-0-6-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

V J Wells c Keech b McLean 15
I J Sutcliffe lbw b McLean 17
B F Smith b McLean 40
A Habib c Hartley b Mascarenhas 112
*P V Simmons b McLean 1
J M Dakin b McLean 0
†P A Nixon lbw b McLean 31
D Williamson not out 41
Extras (b 11, lb 16, w 6, nb 16) 48
Total (7 wkts dec, 89 overs) 305

T J Mason, A D Mullally and M T Brimson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-55, 3-104, 4-112, 5-122, 6-199, 7-305.

BOWLING: McLean 28-6-101-6, Hartley 17-4-45-0; Connor 16-4-43-0; James 15-1-50-0; Mascarenhas 11-1-31-1; Udal 2-0-9-0.

Umpires: H D Bird and J H Harris.

Middlesex v Worcestershire

UXBRIDGE (final day of four): Middlesex (9pts) draw with Worcestershire (10)

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 627 for 6 dec (G A Hick 166, D A Leatherdale 137, T M Moody 132, V S Solanki 78, S J Rhodes 67 not out)

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

R A Kettleborough lbw b Newport 5
J L Langer c Rhodes b Moody 97
*M R Ramprakash st Rhodes b Solanki 122
M W Gatting lbw b Haynes 39
O A Shah c Weston b Haynes 17
†D C Nash lbw b Newport 15
P N Weekes st Rhodes b Solanki 11
R L Johnson lbw b Shinyar 2
J P Hewitt c Rhodes b Shinyar 25
I N Blanchett c sub b Shinyar 18
P C R Tufnell not out 10
Extras (b 6, lb 16, nb 6) 28
Total 389

Score at 120 overs: 356-8

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-203, 3-281, 4-299, 5-299, 6-322, 7-328, 8-338, 9-388

BOWLING: Newport 25-10-54-2, Shinyar 23.3-7-75-3, Lampitt 8-0-34-0, Illingworth 26-4-75-0; Hick 5-0-20-0; Solanki 21-7-55-2; Moody 7-2-25-1; Haynes 13-4-29-2

Second Innings

R A Kettleborough lbw b Newport 24
J L Langer b Haynes 118
*M R Ramprakash c Hick b Solanki 108
M W Gatting not out 83
O A Shah run out 20
†D C Nash b Illingworth 0
P N Weekes not out 0
Extras (b 2, lb 6, w 2, nb 10) 20
Total (5 wkts dec) 373

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-76, 2-201, 3-313, 4-372, 5-373

BOWLING: Newport 11-3-32-1; Haynes 13-6-31-1; Moody 4-1-12-0; Solanki 24-7-77-1; Illingworth 29-8-69-1, Lampitt 11-0-56-0; Shinyar 5-0-26-0; Hick 14-0-62-0.

Umpires: M J Harris and T E Jesty.

Northamptonshire v Glamorgan

NORTHAMPTON (final day of four): Northamptonshire (6pts) drew with Glamorgan (11)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 172 (D Ripley 59, K M Curran 54)

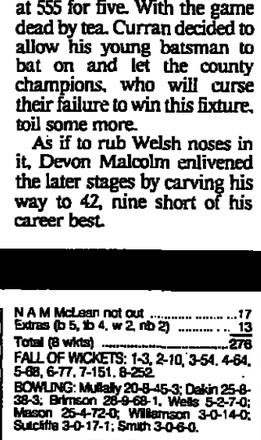
Second Innings

R R Montgomerie lbw b Watkin 2
A J Swann lbw b Waqar 2
M B Love not out 322
D J G Sales c Evans b Watkin 22
*K M Curran lbw b Waqar 21
†D Ripley c Waqar b Cottey 209
G P Swann c Cosker b Thomas 17
J P Taylor c James b Waqar 0
F A Rose c and b Thomas 10
R J Bailey c Shaw b Dale 32
D E Malcolm c Dale b Thomas 42
Extras (b 12, lb 5, w 6 nb 10) 33
Total 712

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-15, 3-72, 4-142, 5-543, 6-562, 7-565, 8-584, 9-663.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 35-2-147-3, Watkin 34-5-131-2; Thomas 31.5-3-154-3, Butcher 17-1-79-0; Cosker 39-12-107-0; Dale 11-0-63-1; Cottey 6-2-14-1

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 563 (S P James 227, P A Cottey 113, M J Powell 106)



Ramprakash: scored hundred at Uxbridge

Second Innings

S P James not out 10
A W Evans not out 25
Extras (b 4, lb 1, nb 4) 9
Total (no wkt) 44

BOWLING: Rose 4-1-15-0, Taylor 2-0-20-0; A J Swann 1-0-4-0

Umpires: N G Cowley and B Leadbeater

Somerset v Surrey

TAUNTON (final day of four) Somerset (20pts) beat Surrey (5) by 165 runs

SOMERSET: First Innings 176 (M P Bicknell 4 for 14).

Second Innings

*P D Bowler lbw b Benjamin 9
P C L Holloway b Salisbury 123
M E Trescothick lbw b Benjamin 4
M N Lathwell c Batty b Benjamin 0
K A Parsons lbw b Tudor 28
†R J Turner b Salisbury 88
M Burns b Salisbury 40
G D Rose c Benjamin b Salisbury 76
A R Caddick c Bicknell b Shahid 37
M Bulbeck not out 18
A P van Troost c and b Salisbury 0
Extras (b 12, lb 7, w 11, nb 22) 52
Total 475

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-21, 3-27, 4-72, 5-286, 6-297, 7-388, 8-435, 9-473

BOWLING: Bicknell 25-7-77-0, Benjamin 23-7-71-3; Tudor 20-4-80-1, Butcher 8-3-20-0, Hollioake 23-2-85-0; Salisbury 47.2-9-98-5; Ratcliffe 2-1-4-0, Knott 1-0-2-0, Shahid 6-0-19-1

SURREY: First Innings 241 (I D K Salisbury 51).

Second Innings

*M A Butcher not out 109
J D Ratcliffe c Parsons b Rose 33
I J Ward c Turner b Bulbeck 5
N Shahid lbw b Bulbeck 0
B C Hollioake lbw b Trescothick 28
J A Knott lbw b Rose 4
†J N Batty c Parsons b Caddick 5
A J Tudor lbw b Bulbeck 9
I D K Salisbury b Caddick 10
M P Bicknell c Holloway b van Troost 23
J E Benjamin b Caddick 1
Extras (lb 6, w 2 nb 10) 18
Total 245

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-85, 2-92, 3-92, 4-140, 5-145, 6-163, 7-182, 8-203, 9-244

BOWLING: Caddick 31.4-5-91-3; van Troost 4-0-30-1; Trescothick 13-3-52-1, Bulbeck 22-7-48-3, Rose 12-5-18-2

Umpires: V A Holder and J W Holder

Sussex v Derbyshire

HORSHAM (final day of four): Derbyshire (24pts) beat Sussex (6) by seven wickets

SUSSEX: First Innings 325 (M Newell 135 not out, W G Khan 70; D G Cork 4 for 77).

Second Innings

M T E Peirce b Dean 12
W G Khan c Rollins b Barnett 125
M Newell lbw b Cork 7
*M G Bevan b Lacey 127
J R Carpenter c Cork b DeFreitas 19
K Newell c Rollins b DeFreitas 16
†S Humphries c Rollins b Blackwell 16
P W Jarvis c Cassar b Lacey 8
A A Khan lbw b Blackwell 4
J D Lewry c Cork b Blackwell 2
R J Kirtley not out 1
Extras (lb 17, w 4, nb 16) 37
Total 374

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-63, 3-255, 4-303, 5-325, 6-333, 7-350, 8-363, 9-365

BOWLING: Cork 14-5-30-1, DeFreitas 32-4-101-2, Dean 17-4-53-1, Lacey 35-9-89-2; Blackwell 11.4-2-38-3, Cassar 4-0-12-0, Barnett 7-0-24-1

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

M J Slater b Lewry 0
A S Rollins c A A Khan b Jarvis 58
T A Tweats c Carpenter b Lewry 11
K J Barnett c M Newell b Lewry 162
M E Cassar c A A Khan b Lewry 121
†R J Turner b Salisbury 8
†K M Krikken lbw b Lewry 12
*D G Cork not out 102
P A J DeFreitas c K Newell b A A Khan 87
I D Blackwell b Lewry 1
S J Lacey b Jarvis 11
Extras (b 12, lb 16, nb 2) 20
Total 593

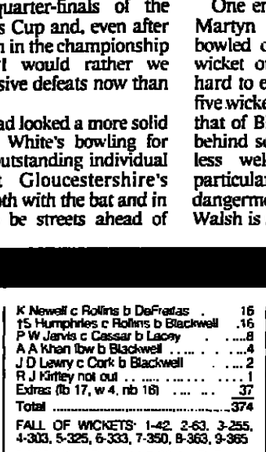
Score at 120 overs: 406-7

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-40, 3-106, 4-360, 5-365, 6-373, 7-385, 8-514, 9-533

BOWLING: Lewry 36-12-72-6, Kirtley 20-3-98-0, A A Khan 59-12-165-2; Jarvis 34-5-118-2; Bevan 12-0-66-0; K Newell 10-3-23-0, Peirce 1-0-13-0

Second Innings

A S Rollins c Bevan b A A Khan 37
M J Slater c Peirce b Bevan 39
T A Tweats c Bevan b A A Khan 0
K J Barnett not out 12



Butcher: carried his bat at Taunton

M E Cassar not out 13
Extras (lb 4, lb 2) 6
Total (3 wkts) 107

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-76, 2-82, 3-82

BOWLING: Lewry 7-2-21-0; Jarvis 3-0-16-0; A A Khan 8-1-24-2, Bevan 7.4-0-40-1.

Umpires: N T Plews and A Clarkson

Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire

EDGBASTON (final day of four) Nottinghamshire (21pts) beat Warwickshire (4) by six wickets

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 130 (M J Powell 70 not out; M N Bowon 4 for 22)

Second Innings

M J Powell c Johnson b Oram 73
†T Frost c Johnson b Dowman 40
D L Hemp c Johnson b Bowon 4
*B C Lara c Afzaal b Franks 80
D P Ostler lbw b Oram 18
D R Brown c Afzaal b Dowman 1
N M K Smith c sub b Oram 0
G Welch c Robinson b Bowon 12
M A Sheikh c Afzaal b Tolley 26
M D Edmond not out 3
E S H Giddins b Bowon 0
Extras (b 7, lb 13, w 2, nb 2) 24
Total 280

FALL OF WICKETS 1-59, 2-80, 3-196, 4-232, 5-235, 6-235, 7-235 8-277, 9-278

BOWLING: Franks 19-2-64-1; Oram 24-11-35-3, Bowen 28 3-8-59-3; Dowman 14-5-45-2; Tolley 8-1-46-1, Strang 3-1-11-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 218 (E S H Giddins 4 for 47)

Second Innings

M P Dowman c Lara b Sheikh 63
R T Robinson c Frost b Giddins 8
U Afzaal not out 73
*P Johnson c Ostler b Giddins 17
N A Gie c Welch b Giddins 5
C M Tolley not out 3
Extras (b 2, lb 6, nb 16) 24
Total (4 wkts) 193

FALL OF WICKETS 1-21, 2-133, 3-174, 4-186

BOWLING: Giddins 25.4-5-74-3, Brown 13-4-19-0; Welch 10-3-26-0; Smith 8-2-16-0, Sheikh 17-5-38-1, Hemp 3-0-13-0

Umpires: G I Burgess and A A Jones

Triangular tournament

Kenya v Bangladesh

MADRAS (Kenya won toss) Kenya beat Bangladesh by 28 runs

KENYA

K Otieno c Enamul b Naimur 21
R Shah c Aminul b Enamul 62
S Tikolo c Enamul b Hasibul 65
M Odumbe c Akram b Hasibul 40
H Modi c Enamul b Rafique 0
T Odoyo b Rafique 0
A Vadhora not out 11
L Onyango b Mahmud 2
A Karim b Mahmud 0
M Suji not out 3
Extras (lb 11, w 10, nb 1) 22
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs) 226

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-76, 2-99, 3-193, 4-203, 5-203, 6-203, 7-212, 8-212

BOWLING: Hasibul 10-0-44-2; M Khan 6-0-28-0; Mahmud 4-0-20-2; Enamul 10-0-35-1, Naimur 10-1-43-1; Rafique 10-0-45-2.

BANGLADESH

A A Khan c Shah b Suji 0
M Rafique c Sheikh b Odoyo 23
M Abedin c Tikolo b Sheikh 45
A Islam c and b Odoyo 6
*A Khan run out 23
N Rahman c Shah b Karim 41
K Mahmud b Tikolo 28
K Mashud c Odumbe b Tikolo 5
E Haque run out 4
H Hussain b Karim 2
M A Khan not out 2
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 10, nb 5) 19
Total (46.2 overs) 198

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-57, 3-64, 4-102, 5-115, 6-177, 7-189 8-192, 9-194

BOWLING: Suji 7-0-21-1, Onyango 2-0-20-0; Odoyo 7-1-31-2, Karim 9-0-28-2, Tikolo 8.2-0-37-2; Sheikh 7-0-27-1, Odumbe 6-0-30-0.

Man of the match: S Tikolo

TOUR MATCH: Kandy (final day of three) Sri Lanka Board XI 300-8 dec (S Jayasuriya 83, M Jayawardene 67, M Priest 4-38) and 83-1; New Zealand 344-9 dec (M Horne 92, C McMillan 71, S Jayawardene 4-29) Match drawn.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of three: Bingley: Leicestershire 289 and 273-8 dec; Yorkshire 303-8 dec and 196-8 (S Widdup 52). Match drawn. Worcester: Worcestershire 452-9 dec and 207-7 dec. Sussex 319-7 dec and 186-6 (R K Rao 64; G J Batty 4-47). Match drawn. Abbotsholme School: Derbyshire 213 and 226; Essex 272 (B J Hyam 66, G M Roberts 5-73) and 171-5. Essex won by five wickets. Southampton: Glamorgan 261 and 338-9 dec; Hampshire 391-6 dec and 165-6. Match drawn. Trent Bridge: Warwickshire 294 and 162, Nottinghamshire 448-8 dec and 9-0. Nottinghamshire won by ten wickets.

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Vigorous assault from England openers has unsettling effect on confident South Africans

Brown quickest in sprint finish

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

HEADINGLEY (South Africa won the toss): England beat South Africa by seven wickets

MAKE of it what you will — and the South Africans will be keen to make nothing at all — but events at Headingley yesterday were undeniably contradictory. With the Texaco Trophy already lost, England's apparently moribund one-day side roused themselves for a victory that was as crushing as it was perplexing — and not as inconsequential as it might seem.

England have made a habit of spectacular victories in dead series, so the relevance of this result is not to be overstated. The spirit of the team, however, was admirable and, as they assaulted a target of 206 with such calculating vigour that the game was over with 15 overs unwanted, some curious things began to happen.

The South African groundfielding faltered at last and three times the ball was fumbled over the boundary. Jonty Rhodes showed that he is mortal by putting down two demanding chances. The quick bowlers began pitching short and fell foul of the one-day no-ball rule. There was a faint air of tetchiness in a team confronting unfamiliar defeat.

England can draw on this consoling memory in the weeks to come, even if the architect of victory, Alistair Brown, is one of several who will be uninvolved when the Test matches begin. Brown's half-century came from 31 balls, the quickest in 15 years of the Texaco series and a stunning adornment for the last international under these sponsors.

The effective biffing of Brown lightened the burden for Adam Hollioake, his Surrey team-mate. After six successive defeats, Hollioake's grip on the captaincy was tenuous and he may yet lose it as England nominate the man to take them from the triangular series in August through to the World Cup.

A victory, though, at least gives pause for thought. Last night, David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, was giving nothing away, bar that the matter will be discussed before the week is out.

Hollioake has become more formulaic since his disillusionment in the West Indies, sacrificing some of the flair that justified his promotion, but he did little wrong yesterday. There was no need to stray outside familiar lines once Hansie Cronje, his opposite number, had chosen, bewilderingly, to bat first.

Leeds was dank and overcast before play, the outfield verdant and the pitch promised help for the seamers. Cronje ignored the signs, trying to be positive. He was guilty of an expensive misjudgment. "I made the wrong decision," he admitted. And how. For the first hour, as the ball performed contortions, Darren Gough and Angus Fraser looked close to unplayable.

Fraser should have played in all three games. On most occasions at home, especially on May pitches, England are a better side for his accuracy. Lewis, again a disappointment, complained of hip trouble before the toss yesterday, so it was he, rather than Fleming, who made way.

England also dispensed with Chris Adams, who looked alarmingly out of his depth in the first two games, and restored Darren Maddy, though he did not bat and must have driven home to Leicester unsure if his first international series — one innings, one run, three balls — did him any good.

It could have been worse. He might have had to bat yesterday morning, as Liebenberg and Kirsten pushed and probed like blind men against the sustained excellence of the England new-ball pair. Forget Gough's eventual figures, for his first six-over spell was cruelly luckless. The bat was beaten so often that it scarcely seemed humane to continue, but it was eight overs before Kirsten fell, playing on as he tried to force Fraser on the off side.

England, whose fielders had missed the stumps time and again on Saturday, now produced two direct hits — by Stewart and Hussain — to remove the dangerous Kallis and Cullinan. Liebenberg, meanwhile, had made only 13 from 24 overs when, in frustration, he played all round a full-length ball from Ealham.

Rhodes's dismissal, chasing a ball so wide that he connected only with a thin toe-end, left South Africa on 78 for five. Their lower order, however, is unfailingly resilient and, after Cronje's assertive 35 from 41 balls, they were taken beyond 200 by a half-century from Shaun Pollock.

He needed some luck — television replays showed that he was probably caught behind when on four — but Pollock, who had looked rustier than his colleagues in the first two games, offered all England a reminder of the influence he is likely to have over the summer.

With Boucher giving stirring support, South Africa scored 62 from their last ten overs and will have felt they had something to bowl at. Brown and Nick Knight soon disillusioned them, taking 79 off the first ten overs and 113 off the first 15. Cronje made five bowling changes in that time, but nothing could stem the flow.

Set against Brown's whirlwind style, Knight looks almost conventional, but, again, he has had a prolific tournament, scoring 149 runs in three games and lifting his one-day average close to the rarefied heights of 50. When the stand ended in Brown's run out, the game was as good as over.

Donald, fired up even in such unpromising circumstances, did manage to pluck out two more wickets, but Hussain hurried England to victory with two massive straight sixes that even brought applause from the suffering Symcox.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Knight, the England opener, edges a ball past Boucher during his half-century

SCOREBOARD FROM HEADINGLEY

South Africa won toss

SOUTH AFRICA

G Kirsten b Fraser ..... 19 (31 balls, 3 fours)
G F J Liebenberg lbw b Ealham ..... 13 (57 balls)
J H Kallis run out (Stewart) ..... 1 (4 balls)
D J Cullinan run out (Hussain) ..... 13 (44 balls, 2 fours)
*W J Cronje c Stewart b Ealham ..... 35 (41 balls, 3 fours)
J N Rhodes c Stewart b Ealham ..... 6 (7 balls, 1 four)
S M Pollock b Fleming ..... 60 (64 balls, 5 fours)
L Klusener c Stewart b Fraser ..... 14 (25 balls)
†M V Boucher not out ..... 26 (29 balls, 3 fours)
P L Symcox not out ..... 1 (1 ball)
Extras (lb 9, w 5, nb 3) 17
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs, 204min) ... 205

A A Donald did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26 (Liebenberg 3), 2-29 (Liebenberg 3), 3-57 (Liebenberg 11), 4-88 (Cronje 9), 5-78 (Cronje 13), 6-118 (Pollock 18), 7-146 (Pollock 32), 8-198 (Boucher 20).

BOWLING: Gough 10-2-57-0 (nb 2; 7 fours; 6-2-17-0, 2-0-21-0, 2-0-19-0); Fraser 10-1-23-2 (nb 1, w 2; 1 four; 8-1-15-1, 2-0-8-1); Fleming 10-1-41-1 (w 1; 5 fours; 8-1-25-0, 2-0-16-1); Ealham 10-0-44-3 (w 1, 3 fours; 5-0-20-2, 3-0-18-1, 2-0-8-0); Croft 10-0-31-0 (1 four; one spell).

Score after 15 overs: 36-2.

ENGLAND

N V Knight c Rhodes b Donald ..... 51 (79 balls, 6 fours)
A D Brown run out (Kallis) ..... 59 (40 balls, 11 fours)
M V Fleming b Donald ..... 18 (17 balls, 1 six, 2 fours)
†A J Stewart not out ..... 26 (45 balls, 3 fours)
N Hussain not out ..... 33 (39 balls, 2 sixes, 2 fours)
Extras (b 4, lb 2, w 3, nb 10) 19
Total (3 wkts, 35 overs, 155min) ... 206

D L Maddy, *A J Hollioake, M A Ealham, R D B Croft, D Gough and A R C Fraser did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-114 (Knight 40), 2-139 (Fleming 11), 3-148 (Stewart 2).

BOWLING: Pollock 7-1-34-0 (nb 4; 3 fours; 2-0-17-0, 2-0-14-0, 3-1-3-0); Klusener 6-0-45-0 (nb 5; 1 six, 5 fours; 3-0-21-0, 3-0-24-0); Donald 7-0-35-2 (nb 1, w 2; 6 fours; 2-0-16-0, 5-0-19-2); Symcox 9-1-51-0 (w 1; 2 sixes, 6 fours; 4-1-20-0, 5-0-31-0); Cronje 6-0-35-0 (4 fours; 2-0-19-0, 4-0-16-0).

Score after 15 overs: 113-0

England won by seven wickets.

Match award: A D Brown (adjudicator: I T Botham). Series awards: D Gough (R A Woolmer) and J N Rhodes (D Lloyd).

Umpires: J H Hampshire and G Sharp. Third umpire: K E Palmer. Referee: Javed Burki (Pakistan).

☐ *Compiled by Bill Frindall*

Victory brings cheer to lift captain's spirits

SIMON WILDE



At Headingley

Adam Hollioake's day did not get off to a good start yesterday. He felt unwell — though he has eschewed newspapers since first playing for England, he may have caught sight of some stomach-churning headlines over breakfast — and his first active contribution to the final Texaco Trophy match was to toss the coin and see Hansie Cronje guess correctly.

Short of rotating his bowlers, it was virtually Hollioake's last act as well. He chose not to bowl and did not bat. Half an hour into the day, Ashley Giles, the England twelfth man, scurried out to dispense water and tablets to his captain. "I do not know what the matter is with him," Giles said, "but he will now be as high as a kite." Those hoping to renew links between the Hollioake family and drugs will be disappointed: Giles was joking.

By the end of the day, though, Hollioake's stock, if not sky high, had certainly risen as England beat South Africa in style to end a miserable six-match run of one-day defeats under him.

Such is chance. The day turned effectively on the toss of a coin — and so, too, may Hollioake's future — because although Cronje correctly called "tails", he erred in opting to bat. The ball moved around and Liebenberg, a man with pinch-hitting credentials, took 20 overs to crawl into double figures. Understandably, Hollioake underplayed the significance of the toss, preferring to praise his bowlers.

It is now not so much a question of whether Hollioake will be around to spin the first Ecu as whether he leads England's one-day side when they next play in August. He will have an anxious wait, though David Graveney suggested that the matter would be discussed when he, as chairman, and his selectors meet next weekend to choose the side for the first Test.

Hollioake may not have had much of a swagger about him yesterday, but his batsmen certainly did as they romped to their target. Brown's wonderful eye and steely arms enabled him to play the most entertaining innings of the three days. He had all but settled the outcome by the time he was out in the seventeenth over, but it was an innings he could not have played in the morning.

This win is not the main reason why Hollioake may survive; it is the view among the selectors that they must identify a group of players and stick with them through to the World Cup. Clearly, if the mantra is the more one-day internationals you play, the more freely you play, no one will be dropped in a hurry.

"We learned a lot from the South Africans," Graveney said. "They are a good side and have benefited from playing together as a unit for a long time. We must identify a group of players and stick with them and work with them through to the World Cup. To know each other's game must do a lot of good."

Implicit in the post-match reflections of Hollioake and Graveney was criticism of their pre-tournament preparations. They had known less about South Africa than they should have done.

Videos and tips from Keith Medlycott, the coach at Hollioake's club, Surrey, who has spent recent winters at Northern Transvaal, were clearly inadequate. Medlycott, a victim of the yips during his playing days, had unwittingly become a glitch in England's supposedly smooth-running operation.

Another defeat leaves Hollioake staring down the barrel

BY ALAN LEE

OLD TRAFFORD (England won toss): South Africa beat England by 32 runs

HE SPOKE and smiled defiantly before play, telling the television cameras that this was a semi-final and instructing his players to burst on to Old Trafford with an energy and purpose that rallied the crowd noisily behind them. By evening, the passion had died as Adam Hollioake sat, bare-chested, behind the dressing-room window, staring bleakly out of it.

If something had not yet died in Hollioake's life, he will have suspected that it was about to. Presiding over a sixth consecutive defeat and conceding the Texaco Trophy for the first time in seven series was not, he knew, an endorsement of his case to continue as the England one-day captain.

His dismay was deeper for the knowledge that England should have won this game and should have proceeded — in his own interpretation — to a final yesterday. Instead, through a measure of ill luck, a suspicion of sharp practice and a reprise of some familiar frailties, they failed to chase a modest 227 for the win needed to level the series.

We shall never know how different it might have been if Alec Stewart's first fifty of the international summer had not erroneously been cut short. Stewart, recklessly called for a single by Hollioake, gave himself out, peeling away to the pavilion when hopelessly beaten by Jonty Rhodes's throw from mid-wicket and oblivious to the fact that the dismissal had not been properly executed.

Mark Boucher, whose wicketkeeping lurches between the spectacular and the clumsy, had fumbled Rhodes's throw and the ball was lodged between elbow and body when his gloves removed the bails. Only a number of television replays confirmed this, but Boucher would surely have known and, if he did, Stewart ought to have been recalled.

However, as usual with such resourceful opponents, it would be wrong to believe simply that England lost the game, either through their own ineptitude or ill-fortune. South Africa won it, dragging themselves off the floor when many a lesser team would have submitted. They were the team that expected to win, England the team that feared to lose.

Even the decisions did not go exclusively the way of the winners. On a dank, drizzly morning, Ray Julian, the umpire, was remarkably generous to Mark Ealham's leg-before shout against Daryll Cullinan for a ball that was plainly missing leg stump. Rhodes, later in the innings, was similarly dispatched when sweeping — not necessarily a poor decision, but overseas the batsman is unfailingly given not out.

The loss of these two when going well, and of Hansie Cronje to a ball of rare fire from Chris Lewis, left the South Africa innings imperilled at 166 for seven. Cronje had said boldly that he would have chosen to bat first anyway, but neither conditions nor events supported his view and it needed a half-century of nerve and judgment from Lance Klusener to complete an acceptable total.

Through the gloom of what followed, at least the resurgent bowling of Darren Gough could sustain English hopes for the summer. Gough looked a fully restored model, his pace, swing and mischievous varieties all in working order. He took one of his four wickets with an off-cutter and even tried a leg break. He was a joy to behold.

Hollioake erred, tactically, by not bringing back Gough for the 41st over, when he might swiftly and decisively have finished off the innings. It was a mistake of consequence, for the weather declined to lift and England, despite a successful early assault on Klusener, faced a long, hazardous pursuit.

Once more, the middle order let them down. From 77 for one, they slid to 90 for four, Chris Adams failing again to impose himself. Stewart and Hollioake rebuilt encouragingly and, at 143 for four with 16 overs left, England were marginal favourites.

Against these South Africans, though, no team is ever out of the woods. England had omitted Ashley Giles from their side, relying too much on seam. Cronje emphasised the error not only by using Symcox in the first 15 overs but by introducing Cullinan for nine overs of very slow off breaks. He took two wickets, bringing a beam to the face of Cronje, the only captain able to raise a smile.

SCOREBOARD FROM OLD TRAFFORD

England won toss

SOUTH AFRICA

G F J Liebenberg lbw b Ealham ..... 39 (75 balls, 2 fours)
G Kirsten c Adams b Gough ..... 2 (11 balls)
J H Kallis c Stewart b Gough ..... 9 (15 balls, 1 four)
D J Cullinan lbw b Gough ..... 14 (18 balls, 3 fours)
*W J Cronje c Stewart b Lewis ..... 35 (44 balls, 4 fours)
J N Rhodes lbw b Croft ..... 41 (46 balls, 2 fours)
S M Pollock lbw b Croft ..... 3 (13 balls)
L Klusener not out ..... 55 (49 balls, 5 fours)
†M V Boucher b Gough ..... 6 (14 balls)
P L Symcox b Gough ..... 2 (7 balls)
A A Donald not out ..... 6 (11 balls)
Extras (b 2, lb 5, w 3, nb 3) 14
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs, 214min) ... 226

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6 (Liebenberg 2), 2-24 (Liebenberg 11), 3-42 (Liebenberg 13), 4-103 (Liebenberg 33), 5-130 (Rhodes 20), 6-143 (Rhodes 30), 7-166 (Klusener 12), 8-189 (Klusener 29), 9-200 (Klusener 37).

BOWLING: Gough 10-0-35-4 (nb 3, w 1, 2 fours; 7-0-22-2, 3-0-13-2); Lewis 10-1-42-1 (w 1; 4 fours; 5-1-22-0, 3-0-14-1, 2-0-6-0); Ealham 10-0-34-2 (2 fours; 5-0-21-1, 5-0-13-1); Fleming 8-0-51-0 (w 1; 7 fours; 5-0-25-0, 3-0-26-0); Croft 10-0-43-2 (1 four; one spell). Hollioake 2-0-13-0 (1 four; one spell).

Score after 15 overs: 56-3.

ENGLAND

N V Knight c Boucher b Donald ..... 94 (49 balls, 4 fours)
A D Brown c Rhodes b Klusener ..... 13 (15 balls, 1 four)
†A J Stewart run out (Rhodes/Boucher) ..... 52 (75 balls, 5 fours)
N Hussain c Boucher b Donald ..... 1 (8 balls)
C J Adams lbw b Symcox ..... 3 (14 balls)
*A J Hollioake lbw b Pollock ..... 46 (63 balls, 5 fours)
M A Ealham b Cullinan ..... 12 (16 balls, 1 four)
M V Fleming c Kallis b Cullinan ..... 5 (13 balls)
C C Lewis not out ..... 10 (17 balls)
R D B Croft run out (Cronje/Boucher) 7 (7 balls, 1 four)
D Gough c Rhodes b Donald ..... 2 (6 balls)
Extras (lb 2, w 7) 9
Total (48.4 overs, 198min) 194

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30 (Knight 15), 2-77 (Stewart 27), 3-83 (Stewart 32), 4-90 (Stewart 36), 5-143 (Hollioake 34), 6-169 (Ealham 12), 7-169 (Fleming 0), 8-182 (Lewis 8), 9-190 (Lewis 9).

BOWLING: Pollock 8-0-28-1 (nb 2, w 1, 3 fours; 6-0-20-0, 2-0-8-1); Klusener 9-0-58-1 (w 1; 8 fours; 4-0-35-1, 3-0-14-0, 2-0-9-0); Symcox 10-0-34-1 (w 2; 2 fours; one spell); Donald 8.4-0-32-3 (w 3, 2 fours; 6-0-22-2, 2-0-8-0, 0.4-0-2-1); Cullinan 9-0-30-2 (1 four; one spell); Kallis 2-0-10-0 (1 four; one spell).

Score after 15 overs: 77-2.

South Africa won by 32 runs.

Match award: L Klusener (adjudicator: M J Procter).

Umpires: R Julian and D R Shepherd. Third umpire: B Dudleston. Referee: Javed Burki (Pakistan).

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Ailing Leicestershire are left to regret their ill-fortune

LEICESTER (final day of four): Leicestershire (8pts) drew with Hampshire (9)

BY RICHARD HOBSON

FAILURE to convert a promising position into victory was among the lesser worries facing Leicestershire last night. The fitness of the pace bowlers is a more pressing concern ahead of the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final against Kent on Wednesday.

Only Mullally of the first-choice quartet played against Hampshire at Grace Road, but once he took his sweater after a long initial spell yesterday morning, the visiting team encountered little trouble in holding out for a draw. Mullally took eight for 117 in the match and may have to become used to running in at full steam with meagre support at the other end.

Millns, his regular new-ball partner, has spent four days in hospital receiving treatment for an acute ear infection. At one point, he was put on an intravenous antibiotic drip. It is impossible to predict when he will next feature.

Ormond bowled off nothing more than a few paces for the second XI last week, his first outing of the season after a back operation, while Simmons strained a side on Thursday morning and did not bowl thereafter. To compound their difficulties, Lewis pulled out of the final one-day international with a hip problem.

Regular medical bulletins assumed growing interest on a day otherwise pregnant with ennui. Hampshire, after holding the initiative at the half-way stage, resumed 114 ahead with seven wickets intact, but lost three of them in 13 overs for the addition of just 19 runs. For the second time in the match, Mascarenhas stabilised the innings before missing a straight ball from Dakin and James and Udal added 101 for the eighth wicket.

Simmons declined to employ declaration bowling to persuade Robin Smith to offer a target. He also set attacking fields for the most part, but neither Brimson nor Mason, the young spin bowlers, turned ball past bat and the Hampshire captain was entitled to consider the likelihood that his own bowlers would claim ten wickets remote.

Thus, as James plodded towards his half-century in more than four hours, the more civilised spectators leant back into their deck-chairs, basked in the sunshine and perhaps recalled the elegance of Gower. Those better lubricated began to jeer the batsmen, though even they tired eventually. When Udal fell leg-before to Sutcliffe's first ball, having scored 62 in 130 minutes, he received a slow hand-clap. James finished with 55 not out, compiled steadfastly from 69 overs.

Much more of this and Leicestershire will struggle to tempt anybody to renew membership next season. Three days of the first championship game here this season were lost to rain and Worcestershire batted throughout the fourth. This latest contest, too, is best forgotten.

Classy Crawley eases Lancashire to victory

BY IVO TENNANT

CHELMSFORD (final day of four): Lancashire (23pts) beat Essex (5) by seven wickets

THE Lancashire fourth-wicket pair of John Crawley and Glen Chapple scored the 66 runs that they required to beat Essex in the first hour of play yesterday without being hampered by the weather or the surfeit of medium-pace bowling that they encountered. This was their first championship victory of a season that, thus far, has been affected considerably by rain.

When Crawley bats as he did here, he makes county attacks appear distinctly workaday. Having scored 22 overnight, he played one drive to mid-wicket off Williams and another to reach his half-century off Irani that were high-class shots. For their part, Essex, because of injury, did not have any variety in their bowling on a pitch on which it was easier to play strokes than on the first two days.

A spell in which he struck three successive fours off Williams was another feature of Crawley's innings. His half-century, his highest first-class score of the season, came off 81 balls. Chapple, who came in as nightwatchman on Saturday evening, was dropped at the wicket off Ilott when he had made five, but otherwise contributed more than merely the occupation of one end. His square-driven four off Irani was the winning shot.

The innings that Lancashire relished most in this match was Fairbrother's century on Friday. It stood out for his ability to score off just about every bad ball.

Fairbrother strained his thigh in the field after that, but would have batted yesterday if necessary. He will have a fitness test this morning to determine whether he can play in the Axa League match.

Sussex collapse as Cork turns to wide variety of spinners

HORSHAM (final day of four): Derbyshire (24pts) beat Sussex (6) by seven wickets

BY RUPERT COX

AT LUNCH yesterday, with in excess of 1,100 runs accumulated on a bland Cricketfield Road wicket and Michael Bevan, the Sussex captain, coasting along on 90 not out, this match was bound for a draw. However, with Sussex leaking wickets recklessly in the post-lunch session — their last six wickets falling for 49 — Derbyshire coasted to victory with maximum points.

Dominic Cork entrusted his faith in the Derbyshire spinners and they responded by accounting for all the Sussex wickets to fall yesterday. Even Phillip DeFreitas and Kim Barnett saw a niche for their variety of spin and collected significant victims to begin the home team's slide. It spurred Simon Lacey and Ian Blackwell, the full-time spinners, into action and the tail crumbled.

Once the initial threat from the Derbyshire seamers had been negotiated by Wasim Khan and Bevan, the overnight batsmen, the benign nature of the wicket manifested itself. While it was clear that much rested on Wasim and Bevan, there was precious little to inspire the bowlers before lunch, allowing them to add 192 in 57 overs.

Wasim, the least acclaimed of Sussex's winter signings, reached his first century for his new county after a phlegmatic innings that spanned 251 balls. As the first interval loomed, Cork introduced Barnett. Immediately Wasim, caught in two minds, swatted a high full-toss to the deep mid-wicket boundary.

Five overs after lunch, Sussex crept into the lead and Bevan, with his sublime timing, became the match's sixth century-maker. But at this stage, Simon Lacey had struck a rhythm from the Town end. Bowling into the rough created by Jason Lewry, he caused Bevan discomfort, before yorking the Australia batsman.

The match was transformed, an apparent featherbed took on the countenance of a most capricious wicket and Sussex capitulated to a mixture of good bowling and poor batting. It left Derbyshire 125 minutes to make 107 and, though they suffered a mini-collapse, the result was never in doubt.

These are two teams depleted by high-profile departures over recent seasons, forcing them into involuntary transition. After some seasons best consigned to history, Sussex, through a mixture of inventive marketing and a hint of benevolence, appeared to have reached a watershed and it was Derbyshire in decline.

Derbyshire have lost the dynamism of Dean Jones's batting, the incision of Devon Malcolm and the ebullience of Chris Adams, but though Dominic Cork remains immature in captaincy terms, his spirit is infectious. They may not have the reserves, but they have enough matchwinners to remain a threat. A second championship win matches last summer's tally.

Play-off finalists Sunderland and Charlton benefit from forward thinking

Old drinking pals expect Wembley war of attrition

By Matt Dickinson

ALAN CURBISHLEY and Peter Reid have slugged it out before. "It was in the bar after an England Under-21 game together," Curbishley, the manager of Charlton Athletic, recalled. "We were matching each other drink for drink, but I got blind drunk and, typically, he was stood there looking fine." This afternoon at Wembley, the pair will be involved in another attritional struggle to the end. Who, though, will be left standing?

The Nationwide League first division play-off final today between Sunderland and Charlton really is too close to call. The two sides could not be separated in 0-0 and 1-1 draws in the league this season and both clubs finished the campaign at an equally impressive pace.



Sasa Ilic: goalkeeper of international class

Many will believe that Reid's team deserve promotion, and the riches that come with life in the FA Carling Premiership, because of the narrowness with which they missed out on second place to Middlesbrough. Their magnificent Stadium of Light, the third-largest club ground in England with a capacity of 42,000, would certainly provide a grand stage for the likes of Arsenal and Manchester United.

Charlton only finished two points below them, however, and Curbishley will surely one day manage a team among the elite. Why not with this Charlton side, who have been so astutely fashioned from such meagre resources?

Neither protagonist is likely to burst on to the Premiership like a blazing comet, but they both have young managers ready to commit themselves to promising English talent. Both will bring sides this afternoon that will satisfy the neutral and both rely on strikers plucked astutely from obscurity.

Clive Mendonca is the spearhead of Charlton's attack after his £700,000 signing from Grimsby Town. For their part, Sunderland will be looking to Kevin Phillips for his 35th goal of the season after his £350,000 transfer from Watford last summer. Another strike will take him past Brian Clough's postwar record for the club.

Niall Quinn, Phillips's striking partner, standing 6ft 5in to his team-mate's 5ft 7in, believes that the Nationwide League's player of the year has the temperament to do it at Wembley. "He's a natural goalscorer who is always setting himself targets," Quinn said. "I've played with people like that before — Clive Allen, for instance, who was the best finisher I have ever worked with. But when he wasn't scoring goals, you never saw him. The difference with Kevin is that he's got a chance to become as good a goalscorer as Clive, but also with phenomenal work-rate."

So how is the game today likely to go? Sunderland are a team far removed from their manager's dour image and showed in the semi-final triumph over Sheffield United that they are at their best surging forward, with Gray and Johnston's rampages down the left their main source of creativity.

"I think the key has been the attacking style of the team," Quinn said. "If we suddenly decided to start playing a defensive game, we'd be stupid."

Yet they will come up against a Charlton team whose two 1-0 victories over Ipswich Town in the semi-finals increased their tally of successive clean sheets to nine. "I think it will be very tight," Curbishley said, "because we both like to play in a similar way. Whatever happens, though, we will share a bottle of wine afterwards." Make that a bottle or three for old times' sake.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC (probable: 4-4-2): S Ilic — D Mills, R Rufus, E Youds, M Bowen — S Newton, M Kinsella, K Jones, J Robinson — C Mendonca, M Bright.

SUNDERLAND (probable: 4-4-2): L Perez — D Williams, C Makin, J Craddock, M Gray — N Summerbee, L Clark, K Ball, A Johnston — K Phillips, N Quinn.



Curbishley might look puzzled preparing for today's first-division play-off but Wembley holds few terrors for the man in charge of a club that nearly died

Valley survivor has eyes on the summit

Matt Dickinson says that the Charlton manager, having lived through the bad times, is ready for a crack at the Premiership

Not so long ago, it was The Valley of Death, the rapacious weeds turning the Charlton Athletic ground into an abandoned graveyard of footballing aspirations. Nor was it just the stadium that was being left to rot, but also the club itself.

Reduced to begging for extra money from their dwindling band of supporters, homeless Charlton shambled from Selhurst Park to Upton Park like a destitute vagrant. They were dark days and it comes as a shock when Alan Curbishley, the manager then as he is now, recalls that they were just seven years ago.

"If we had struggled as a team then, I think we would have gone out of existence," he said, looking back over his decade at a club that, in the Thirties, famously used to entertain more than 70,000 cloth-capped supporters. "There were some days then when we did not take enough money even to pay West Ham United the rent.

"Remember that we sold Andy Peake to Middlesbrough just to pay the wages for three months. Then we sold Robert Lee for a paltry £700,000 to get us back to The Valley. In the week we sold him, we were second and Newcastle were top — and we have sold them our best player.

"More recently, we sold Lee Bowyer to Leeds for £2.9 million and spent £400,000 of that on the team. People forget all that. In this day and age, with all the money flying around, people forget it. But we never will and maybe that will hold us in good stead."

The resultant sense of perspective will ensure that, should they fail to beat Sunderland in the Nationwide League first division play-off final at Wembley today, Curbishley will overcome that crushing disappointment with the same equanimity that he has combated a million and one frustrations before.

But Curbishley is not planning on defeat and why should he? The Charlton team that he has created is a fine one, based on astute signings (Clive Mendonca, the top scorer, is the club's record buy at £700,000), careful nurturing (Mark Kinsella joined from Colchester United and is now an Ireland international) and meticulous preparation of a team that plays with a free-flowing style that Curbishley was taught at West Ham by Ron Greenwood and John Lyall. "Except, hopefully, we have more of a winning streak to go with the fancy football," he said.

In Sasa Ilic, who has kept nine clean sheets in a row leading up to Wembley, he has a goalkeeper of international class and, for the first time in more than 40 years, Charlton's reserves have won the Avon Insurance Combination, a far more impressive feat than it sounds, given that they finished above Arsenal, Tottenham Hotspur and Chelsea.

With a canny piece of man-management, Curbishley once took the entire first team to watch a reserve game. "I wanted them to see who is trying to take their places," he said. "I wanted to show them that this time we really did have the squad to make it happen."

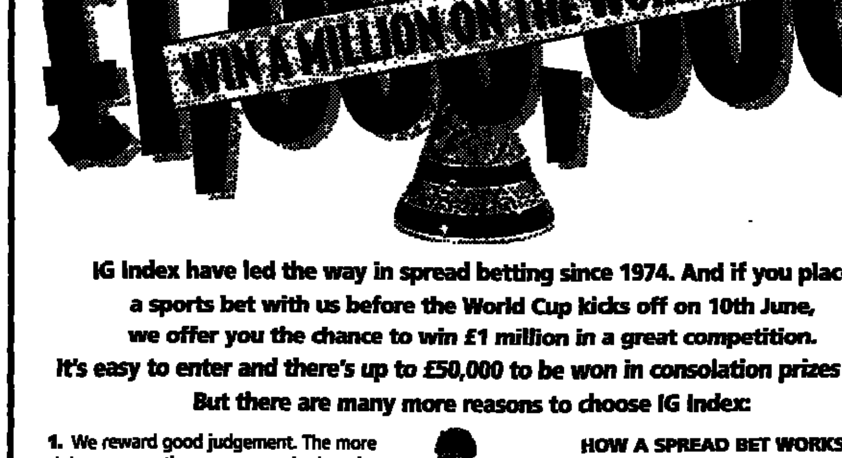
Yet is it a squad fit for the FA Carling Premiership? Curbishley has been planning ahead and spoke only last week to Danny Wilson, the manager of relegated Barnsley. "Danny wishes the season could start again because he learnt so much in the first three or four months. By the end, they were playing well enough to stay up. Hopefully, our learning curve could be quicker. It is all about surviving that first year, getting established. The board have promised that, if we go up, any extra revenue — although I don't think it is quite the £7 million or £8 million that everyone talks about — will be for the team."

The board can afford it. A generation of supporters, lost in the days of exile, have been won back by canny merchandising, with Junior Reds allowed in for just £1. More than 2,000 supporters have enrolled in the Valley Gold scheme, in which they contribute £10 a month in exchange for priority booking and shop discounts. The 15,000 who voted for the Valley Party in the Greenwich borough elections, thus ensuring the club's return to SE7, have been rewarded."

"We have built it up together," said Curbishley, who will renew acquaintance with a former England Under-21 colleague in Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager, today. "I've had a couple of offers to go and haven't, so perhaps that tells you something.

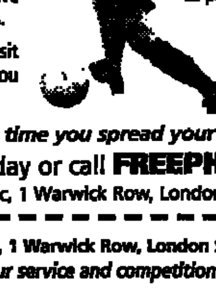
"This is about more than football. This is a growth area, with 30,000 new homes around the Millennium Dome. Over the years, everyone has talked about Sam Bartram, Jimmy Seed and the 70,000 gates. Maybe they will start talking about Sasa Ilic and Mark Kinsella and what a good side they have now. Perhaps we are not little old Charlton any more."

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Grimsby party to Donovan's hit single

Grimsby Town 1
Northampton Town 0

By Brian Glanville

ALTHOUGH they had to withstand something of a siege in the closing minutes — there were no fewer than six of added time — Grimsby Town beat Northampton Town deservedly in the Nationwide League second division play-off final at Wembley yesterday and are certainly more likely to grace the higher division than Northampton.

Until they tired, Grimsby were always trying to play football; Northampton, by their own manager's admission, rely on "power" play. In other words, they hit the ball long and hope. In the closing stages of the game, this brought them several chances, but, overall, Grimsby were much the superior side, even if their winning goal was a strangely soft one.

It came after 17 minutes. Wayne Burnett, always a thoughtful user of the ball, played a pass forward. Jack Lester challenged Colin Hill for it. Hill missed the ball completely and Kevin Donovan was able to run on at leisure, tack round Andy Woodman and roll the ball into the net.

It was Donovan's 21st goal of the season, in which he has missed just one of 68 matches. He should certainly have had a second when, in the second half, he contrived to miss a penalty.

Lester, the most impressive, technically adroit and incisive player on the field, was tormenting the Northampton defence yet again when he came down in the box over Warburton's heel. Terry Heilbron, the referee, deemed that this was worth a penalty, but when Donovan struck it, Woodman threw himself gallantly to his left and turned the ball round the post.

The first half was arid to a degree, though every time that the ball went out to the left to Carl Heggs, the hefty Northampton winger, who plays with his socks around his ankles, there was a roar of anticipation from his team's supporters, who were in the majority.

The second half had plenty of incident, however. It had scarcely begun when Northampton at last produced a coherent move, but Frain, after a crisp exchange with Freestone, shot straight at Davison. In the next minute, there was another chance for Northampton when Hunt beat Handyside in the box, only to shoot past the near post.

Northampton threatened yet again on the hour, when a miskick let Seal through only for Davison to dive at his feet. Nevertheless, with Lester so confident, quick and resourceful, Grimsby always looked the more likely to score. Lester brought a clearance down beautifully and did better still to turn and give Donovan an ideal pass. Donovan raced on and cut inside Hill, only for the centre back to recover resiliently.

Still Northampton looked dangerous in spasms. It was Donovan's careless back-pass that let Freestone through to draw the goalkeeper, only to shoot across the goal. Donovan missed his penalty, then Paul Groves walloped a shot against the Northampton bar after Lester, yet again, had wriggled through for a cross that Woodman pushed out, Black turning the ball on to Groves.

Involved in a painful collision, Davison looked uneasy in consequence in those final hectic minutes. When he missed a corner by Gibb, Warburton headed back across goal only for Peer to nod the ball over the top. But a draw would have flattered Northampton.

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Lester, right, who tormented Northampton throughout, prompts another Grimsby attack at Wembley yesterday

"I felt we deserved it," Alan Buckley, the Grimsby manager, who admitted to feeling "drained", said. "When we got quality balls to the front players and we played off them, it was good to watch at times.

"The back four have been magnificent all season for us and, when we got put under a bit of pressure in the second half, it was important here. Jack Lester? I thought it was absolutely terrific the way he held the ball up for us and got other players into the game."

Ian Atkins, the Northampton manager, said: "We've lacked that little bit of quality in the last third at times. The goal they actually scored, we felt Colin Hill got his ankles tapped. The [indirect] free kick which the referee gave in the penalty area [for obstruction] was a penalty and the penalty wasn't a penalty." Still, justice was done.

GRIMSBY TOWN (4-4-2): A Davison — J McDermott, P Handyside, M Lever, A Gallimore — K Donovan, W Burnett, D Smith (sub: S Livingstone, 60min), P Groves — L Nogan (sub: K Black, 66), J Lester.

NORTHAMPTON TOWN (3-5-2): A Woodman — E Sampson, R Warburton, C Hill (sub: A Gibb, 69) — I Clarkson, J Hunt, D Peer, C Heggs, J Frain — C Freestone, J Gayle (sub: D Seal, 58).

Referee: T Heilbron.

POOLS CHECK

VICTORIA: Second division: Cranbourne 1 Altona City 1; E Richmond 2 Broadmeadows 0; Frankston S 0 Knox City 3; Glen Eira 2 E Brunswick 1; Maroondah 0 Regent 1; Melbourne C 3 Mooroolbark 1; Oakleigh 1 OS Waverley 2. Third division: Bell Park 1 N Coburg 1; Chelsea 0 Keysborough 2; Diamond V 4 Keilor 1; Frankston P 2 Stonnington 3; Pascoe Vale 0 Banyule 2; S Springvale 3 Fitzroy 0; S Werribee 0 Geelong 5. Fourth division: Clifton Hill 2 Cono 6; Geelong R 3 Melton 2; Sandringham 4 Seaford Utd 2; S Caulfield 0 Moreland 7; S Waruma 0 Langwarrin 1; Sunbury 1 W Eagles 0; Williamstown 3 Nunawading 0.

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FORECAST: Half-time: no claims required — winnings sent automatically — forecast is good, three score draws and six no-score draws. Full-time: no claims required — forecast is low, six score draws and no no-score draws.

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England depart with jeers for souvenirs after goalless draw sours farewell party at Wembley

Hoddle left cold by misfiring squad

England 0
Saudi Arabia 0

By Oliver Holt
Football Correspondent

THE imagery of a happy send-off has always been laced with contradictions. There are tears on station platforms, lingering, clinging embraces on harbour quaysides and the horribly forced cheerfulness of goodbyes from a roadside verge with a loaded car ready to go. England? They leave these shores this afternoon with jeers for tears.

If farewells were an augury of the journey ahead, Glenn Hoddle and his squad could expect to be trailing home in ignominy from the World Cup in France next month. The lap of appreciation that they had been planning after the international with Saudi Arabia on Saturday was still-born, commuted to an apologetic promenade around the centre circle.

They was nothing to celebrate in their goalless draw with the sons of the desert. No one among those still deemed to be on the fringes of Hoddle's thinking made an outstanding case for inclusion in the final squad of 22, which will be announced a week today. Nor, even, did any play so poorly that they saved us a bit of agonising by ruling themselves out.

Saturday was just one of those neutral days, a day when the weather cannot decide whether to blow hot or cold, when the supporters dance between lusty patriotism and petulant criticism, when a goal would loosen things up if ever it would come. It was a day for drifting and for dreaming, not a day for seizing.

At times, England were embarrassed by their fellow travellers to France, who were far from the international arrivistes many had imagined. If Sheringham should have scored after Shearer's through-ball in the 28th minute, instead of shooting tamely at Al-Daye, and Shearer had not hung his head after a miscued volley eight minutes later, then the Saudis had their chances, too.

Saeed Al-Owairan, the Desert Maradona, the scorer of a wonderful goal in the 1994 finals against Belgium, forced one early save from Seaman and put another shot into the side-netting. Alongside him in attack, Al-Jaber was guile personified, twisting Southgate and Adams into knots and setting up one last-minute chance for Al-Shahrani that Seaman was grateful to see fly wide.

The happy reality, though, is that send-offs such as this mean nothing. Beyond their wretchedness and their acrimony, beyond the unhappiness of the Manchester United players that they had been singled out for some more mindless crowd abuse, auspicious events may still lie in wait.

The match at least gave Anderton 90 minutes to try to improve his fitness, afforded Gascoigne half an hour to parade his dying skills and allowed the rest of us to see that Hinchcliffe has not quite got what it takes to dislodge either Phil Neville or Le Saux if Hoddle chooses to take two from those three to France.

Gascoigne, even in cameos such as this, looks like a man who is clinging to the last vestiges of his talent, desperately hoping that they will carry him to one final hurrah in France before he fades into high-profile oblivion. If he is fit, though, even half-fit, Hoddle will take him, because his deputies are not yet ready to fill the void.

Hoddle left Gascoigne on the bench and started with Beckham in the centre of midfield on Saturday, almost as if he was trying to convince himself that the Manchester United player could step in if Gascoigne implodes ahead of schedule. In the early stages, at least, Beckham did not let him down, but, as the game wore on, so his control faltered and his influence waned.

Afterwards, Hoddle damned him with faint praise and suggested that he would revert to his habitual position wide on the right when the finals begin. He kept calling him "a purveyor of the ball", as though Beckham were some sort of high-class grocer, but pointed out, too, that the combined lack of experience of him and his United team-mate, Paul Scholes, had allowed the quicksilver Saudis some dangerous opportunities.

"There were too many times that the back three were left one-on-one. When Ince and Batty are in there, that does not happen," Hoddle said. "The game against Morocco may be even more offensive, so it will be interesting to see if players can take more responsibility next week."

Apart from that, Hoddle defended Sheringham in his present lack of form and hinted strongly that if Anderton and Ian Wright continued to improve their fitness, they would be among the 22 for France.

ENGLAND (3-5-2): D Seaman (Arsenal) — G Neville (Manchester United), A Adams (Arsenal), G Southgate (Aston Villa) — D Anderton (Tottenham Hotspur), D Beckham (Manchester United; sub: P Gascoigne, Middlesbrough, 61min), D Batty (Newcastle United), P Scholes (Manchester United), A Hinchcliffe (Sheffield Wednesday; sub: P Neville, Manchester United, 71) — E Sheringham (Manchester United; sub: I Wright, Arsenal, 61), A Shearer (Newcastle United; sub: L Ferdinand, Tottenham Hotspur, 74)

SAUDI ARABIA (4-5-1): M Al-Daye (Al-Tae) — M Al-Jahmi (Al-Ahli), M Al-Khlewi (Al-Ittihad), A Zebramawi (Al-Ahli), I Al-Shahrani (Al-Ahli) — F Amin (Al-Shabab, sub: O Al-Dosary, Al-Wahda, 77), K Al-Muwaild (Al-Ahli) — K Al-Owairan (Al-Hilal), H Solaimani (Al-Ahli), S Al-Owairan (Al-Shabab; sub: N Al-Temiyat, Al-Hilal, 77) — S Al-Jaber (Al-Hilal)

Referee: D Jol (Holland).


MARC ASPLAND

Shearer wins this aerial battle with Zebramawi at Wembley on Saturday, but it was the Saudi team that took the plaudits

Cynicism will not unnerve Drewery

Matt Dickinson seeks to unravel the mystery of the woman who claims to have healing hands

An England player emerged from Eileen Drewery's living room recently anxiously shaking his head. "She says I've got a worried soul," he told the queue of international players outside. "Well, have you?" they asked. "I bloody well have now."

It is just one of the plethora of sceptical tales that have done the rounds since Glenn Hoddle went public — to loud guffaws — about his dependence on Drewery, healer of hearts, lost souls and Darren Anderton's hamstrings. Judge for yourself, the England coach retorted at the time. So at Wembley on Saturday evening, I did.

The first thing you should know about Drewery is that she is an unlikely-looking vehicle for God's miracles. Advance publicity would have you believe she speaks in tongues, scatters bones and smells of incense, when the reality on Saturday was that she stood in the Wembley banqueting hall with a half of lager in one hand and a cigarette in the other.

Highlights in her hair, a healthy tan from a week in Tenerife, she looked and spoke like your favourite aunt. Uniquely among God's earthly messengers, she wore an outfit of shocking lime.

One of God's chosen souls she is, though, if you listen to her evangelical outpourings. "I don't want to take the credit for the miracles I have worked," she said. "It is God's work. I just want appreciation for my time and for my love."

So what are all these miracles, I asked, apart from lifting Sicknote Anderton from his bed? "Well, actually I am saving my best ones for my book. You'll have to wait until then. If we win the World Cup, it will sell brilliantly. And you will be amazed at the stories." At £14.99 a copy, one does not doubt it for a minute.

Of course, it is easy to be cynical about this middle-aged housewife, all too easy when she turns up late for a radio interview and describes a traffic jam as "the Devil's work". And it is a convenient measure to forget that she has been carrying out her work unnoticed for more than two decades and plans to put any profits into the Lychgate sanctuary, where she hopes to expand her work as a result of the recent boom.

"People have got this impression now that I am just dealing with rich international footballers," she said, "but I have been doing this for years, with people off the street that you wouldn't let into your house. They are coming to me with voices in their heads, with drug addiction. Mums with five kids who are so depressed they can't cope. Suicide cases."

People like her own husband, Phil, who claims to have been miraculously brought back from the brink of death on three occasions by her healing hands. "The doctor said I had to go into intensive care because of blood clots behind my eyes," he said. "but I knew I would be all right with my Eileen."

He looked on adoringly at the middle-aged woman next to him, by her own admission "just a homely old girl". "I don't have a broomstick. I'm nothing special, just a grandmother to the players," she said. "I've never felt anger or jealousy or hatred in my life. And I can heal those who have. Can't you feel the love coming from me now?"

I cannot say I did, even when she gently leant forward to place a palm on my midriff. Nor, though, did I feel a sudden shiver of dread. All I noticed was a harmless woman who just happens to claim she is blessed by God.

It is difficult to see what damage she can do to the England cause this summer, provided that she does not actually pick the team. She thought Anderton was "fantastic" at Wembley, so enough said. If a shared chat over a cigarette the night before the game against Tunisia helps to settle Paul Gascoigne's tortured spirit, what harm can be done?

There are those, however, who worry about her influence over Hoddle, who whisper that he looks favourably on players who believe in her against those who remain cynical. It is a viewpoint that may not be entirely without foundation, given her reaction to my admission of unrepentent atheism.

"You need to come and see me," she said. "I can help." Given the performance of England on Saturday, I humbly suggested that she might have her work cut out elsewhere. Faith healers, like football managers, are judged on results and it will take more than a 0-0 draw against Saudi Arabia to spread the word.

Brown sees value of Lambert's middle-management skills

Scotland 2
Colombia 2

From Kevin McCarra
in New Jersey

SCOTLAND crossed the Atlantic to spoil a party. All the ingredients for merriment were present at Giants Stadium here on Saturday. It was supposed to be the occasion for a carousing reunion as a crowd of 56,404, composed largely of Colombian expatriates, was requited with its national team.

The perfect preparations appeared even to include the choice of opponents. So little regarded were Scotland that the supporters scarcely took the trouble to be hostile. The drums and horns were primarily at the service of revelry, at least until the game began and Craig Brown's side imposed their competitiveness on proceedings.

This, however, was not the thrawn Scotland that we have come to know, with their curmudgeonly defending. At first, the change of character appeared ill-advised and the high enthusiasm proved a seedbed for foolishness. An overhit cross, in the twelfth minute, was floating to safety when Dailly spurted after it and, in his effort to reach the ball, manhandled his way past Wilmer Cabrera.

Both men were on the verge of leaving the area when the foul was committed, but the triviality of the incident was still enough to constitute a penalty, which Valderrama converted. Having conceded only three goals in ten World Cup qualifying matches, Scotland are not accustomed to falling behind. The effects were bracing.

For all the justified humility over limited resources, Brown does have remarkable accomplishment at his service in midfield. Valderrama and Rincon found that their high reputation was no protection against subjugation there.

John Collins and Paul Lambert are entrenched in the manager's plans, but Craig Burley, who normally operates on the right flank for his country, has entered the strategy only because of the injury to Gary McAllister. The three men formed a well-integrated unit and it was Lambert who provided many of the connections. The regularity with which he takes the ball, prises open a little space and delivers a pass that preserves the team's shape and adds to its momentum has made him an impressive figure. His style never alters and he is determined to operate with the same placid intelligence in the opening game of the World Cup. "I'll not change just for Brazil," he insisted.

Brown said: "There was not a better player on view on Saturday. The control that Paul showed explains why he can perform at the highest level." Lambert's command of proceedings authorised adventure in his midfield colleagues. The deft Collins, who had not scored for Scotland since October 1996, equalised after 23 minutes, firing home from 20 yards.

Of the three midfield players, Burley has the most limited technique and he may return to a position on the right for the Brazil game. Nonetheless, the endeavour and menace that have served Celtic so well may also be valuable in international football. Taking Darren Jackson's pass, he beat Miguel Calero, the Colombia goalkeeper, at his near post to put Scotland ahead in the 33rd minute.

Scotland tired in the last half-hour and Rincon salvaged a draw in the 79th minute, netting a rebound after Asprilla's drive had cannoned off both posts. England are to play Colombia in the World Cup and the match was watched, on behalf of Glenn Hoddle, the national coach, by Kenny Sansom.

He was cautious enough to suggest that Hernán Gomez's side has another gear that was not employed against Scotland, but did note that Valderrama, 36, has been robbed by age of the drive that he once possessed. The game may have brought the greatest satisfaction to a man who has no affiliation to either country.

SCOTLAND (3-5-2): N Sullivan (Wimbledon) — C Calderwood (Tottenham Hotspur), C Hendry (Blackburn Rovers), T Boyd (Celtic) — J McNamara (Celtic; sub; W McKinlay, Blackburn Rovers, 71min), C Burley (Celtic), P Lambert (Celtic), J Collins (Celtic), C Dailly (Derby County) — G Durie (Rangers; sub: S Donnelly, Celtic, 61), D Jackson (Celtic; sub: S Booth, Borussia Dortmund, 46).

COLOMBIA (4-4-2): M Calero (Nacional) — W Cabrera (Millonarios), J Bermudez (Boca Juniors), L Cordoba (San Lorenzo), J Santa (Nacional) — H Lozano (Real Valladolid), C Valderrama (Miami Fusion), F Rincon (Corinthians), M Serna (Boca Juniors) — F Asprilla (Parma), A Valencia (Medellin)

Referee: B Hall (United States)

DON EMMERT



Valderrama scores from a penalty to give Colombia an early lead in the game against Scotland on Saturday

Injury rules Foe out of World Cup

By Our Sports Staff

MARC VIVIEN FOE, the Cameroon midfield player who has been a transfer target for Manchester United, is out of the World Cup after breaking his left leg in training. Foe, 23, who plays for Lens in the French league, was injured in training at the Cameroon team headquarters in Norcia, Italy.

Officials said that he broke his fibula in a routine tackle with David Embe during a warm-up. Foe was flown to Paris for medical treatment. Alex Ferguson, the United manager, had been interested in bringing Foe to Old Trafford but has been unable to agree a fee with the French club.

Nicolas Anelka, the Arsenal striker, has been left out of the France World Cup squad. Thierry Henry, 19, the AS Monaco forward, was preferred to Anelka. However, Aimé Jacquet, the France coach, has called up Patrick Vieira and Emmanuel Petit, Anelka's team-mates at Highbury. Bernard Lama, the West Ham United goalkeeper, and Frank Leboeuf, the Chelsea defender, are also in the squad.

England's last hope of qualifying for the women's World Cup next year was ended by a 2-1 defeat by Holland in Waalwijk. England are bottom of group three with just three points from five matches. They needed to beat Holland to revive their hopes of qualification and were still in with a chance going into the last quarter of the match.

Karen Walker, the Doncaster Belles striker, had equalised in the seventeenth minute with a delightful lob over Wissink, the goalkeeper, from 25 yards just five minutes after Noom had given the home side the lead. However, Noom had the final say when she scored the winning goal in the 68th minute.

As a result, England, who still have to travel to Norway, the holders, on August 15 for their final group game, face play-off matches before taking part in the European championship and the next World Cup.

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Chief Medical Officers' Warning

Exiles clinch coveted places in the Allied Dunbar Premiership first division after play-off victories

Bristol lose fight for elite status

Bristol 15
London Scottish 17

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

YOU do not know whether to laugh or cry. Exult with London Scottish on their return to the first division, a level that they have occupied for only one brief season since the introduction of leagues in 1987, or weep for the decline of one of England's proudest provincial rugby cities.

The sword has been hanging over Bristol for years. On Saturday, on their own Memorial Ground, it fell and few could argue that relegation to the second division of the Allied Dunbar Premiership, after a two-leg play-off that they lost on aggregate 46-40, was undeserved. For 110 years, they have been one of the consistent powers in the land, but this season has encapsulated their gradual decline.

"I can't believe it," Derek Eves said. For five years, Eves was the heartbeat of Bristol, as flank forward and captain, but he was one of the faces in the 4,500 crowd, along with Simon Shaw and Martin Corry, the England internationals — all players whom Bristol could not keep when most they needed to. Professional rugby caught the club three years ago with a millstone of debt on their Centenary Stand and now that they have a handsome ground, they have been unable to build a successful team.

CHRIS ISON



Burke, the Bristol fly half, loses the ball in Millard's tackle as he reaches for the tryline

Unless there is radical restructuring of the club, particularly in business terms, Bristol will not find it easy to recover. There are new kids on the second-division block, kids with cash like Worcester and Leeds, and money has been at the root of Bristol's problems.

"I don't think people will allow Bristol to slide down the divisions, rugby's too important here," Robert Jones, the club captain (though probably not next season, since he believes the responsibility has affected his game), said. "But if they are determined to bounce back, they need quality players."

The same is true for Scottish, whose single season in the elite (1992-93) ended when restructuring sent four clubs down, of which they were the best-placed. Their return will replicate the problems that Richmond, their co-tenants at the Athletic Ground, have found: an inability to accommodate the growing crowds who watch first-division rugby. "We have to decide where there is a stadium and where there is a spectator base," Tony Tiarks, their chairman, said.

He will also have to determine how much money exists for recruitment. "There are sides in the first division with physical power we can't match," John Steele, the director of rugby, said. "We need to recruit in perhaps three or four key positions."

Steele's team played with a composure and structure that were beyond Bristol. They have had a significant boost from the southern hemisphere through players such as Simon Fenn and Ian McAusland, both Australians, and Jamie Cameron, the experienced New Zealander. McAusland's goalkicking ensured that Derrick Lee's absence was not felt unduly (the full back was sent off in the first leg before being whisked away with Scotland to tour Fiji and Australia) and Cameron set up the only try before his damaged ankle gave way. His blind-side thrust with Sharman worked to perfection, whereas everything Bristol tried turned to dust.

Paul Burke kicked five of his seven penalty attempts, but the try that Bristol needed would not come. The game — and survival — turned on a ten-minute spell in the London Scottish 22 after the interval, which brought them nothing. Burke lost the ball in Millard's tackle in the act of going for the line, Landreau was held up and, in the final minute, McAusland's dropped goal denied them even the slight consolation of a Pyrrhic victory.

SCORERS: Bristol: Penalty goals: Burke 5 (14min, 26, 30, 40, 62) London Scottish: Try: Sharman (33). Penalty goals: McAusland 3 (4, 43, 69). Dropped goal: McAusland (79).

SCORING SEQUENCE (Bristol first): 0-3, 3-3, 6-3, 9-3, 9-8, 12-8 (half-time), 12-11, 15-11, 15-14, 15-17.

BRISTOL: P Hull; D Yapp, S Martin, K Maggs, B Breeze; P Burke, R Jones; M Worsley (rep: J Wring, 68min), F Landreau (rep: K Dunn, 79), K Fullman; C Eagle, A Charman, D Corkery (rep: E Rollit, 68), C Short, J Brownrigg.

LONDON SCOTTISH: I McAusland; R Todd, R Davies, R Eriksson, C Sharman; J Cameron (rep: C Wright, 34), D Millard; P Johnstone, J Allan, P Burnell, R Hunter, M Watson (rep: E Jones, 72), S Fenn, S Holmes (rep: Jones, 18-21), C Tarbuck.

Referee: G Hughes (Manchester).

Woods keeps Irish among top flight

London Irish 26
Rotherham 14

BY DAVID HANDS

NIALL WOODS ensured first-division survival for London Irish at Sunbury yesterday to thwart Rotherham's determined pursuit of a seventh promotion since the introduction of leagues 11 years ago. Seven successful kicks from ten attempts allowed the Exiles to bid a fond farewell to their six players who left last night with Ireland to tour South Africa.

There was a fond farewell, too, for David Humphreys and Mark McCall, who will be playing their rugby in Ireland next season. Others may yet follow as the Irish Rugby Football Union endeavours to make professional rugby more attractive, but undoubtedly the survival of London Irish in the top echelon of the Allied Dunbar Premiership will stem the flow.

It may also determine whether Dick Best stays on as coaching director. If he does so, he will have to work hard to replace Humphreys. His raking touch-finders, together with the platform provided by Isaac Feaunati, gave his side the territory from which Woods kicked his goals to give the Irish an aggregate win of 42-27. Sadly, Feaunati had to be carried off minutes from the end with suspected knee ligament damage that could take up to six months to repair.

Ironically, it was an Ireland-qualified player on the Rotherham side who did most for their cause. Guy Easterby proved to be a potent attacking force from scrum half and, if his forwards had given him more possession, his influence might have closed the gap. Rotherham had, though, the satisfaction of scoring two tries to one, the first from a delightful run by Dawson, a link from the energetic Wade and Easterby's half-break paving the way for Umaga to send Lax into the corner. Binns converted, but Woods added two more first-half goals before the Irish emerged after the interval, snorting fire, and Humphreys sent Bishop over.

Thereafter, for all the sporadic raids from Rotherham, the Irish edged further ahead and it was injury-time before Wade plunged forward from a tapped penalty and Binns sent Austin through.

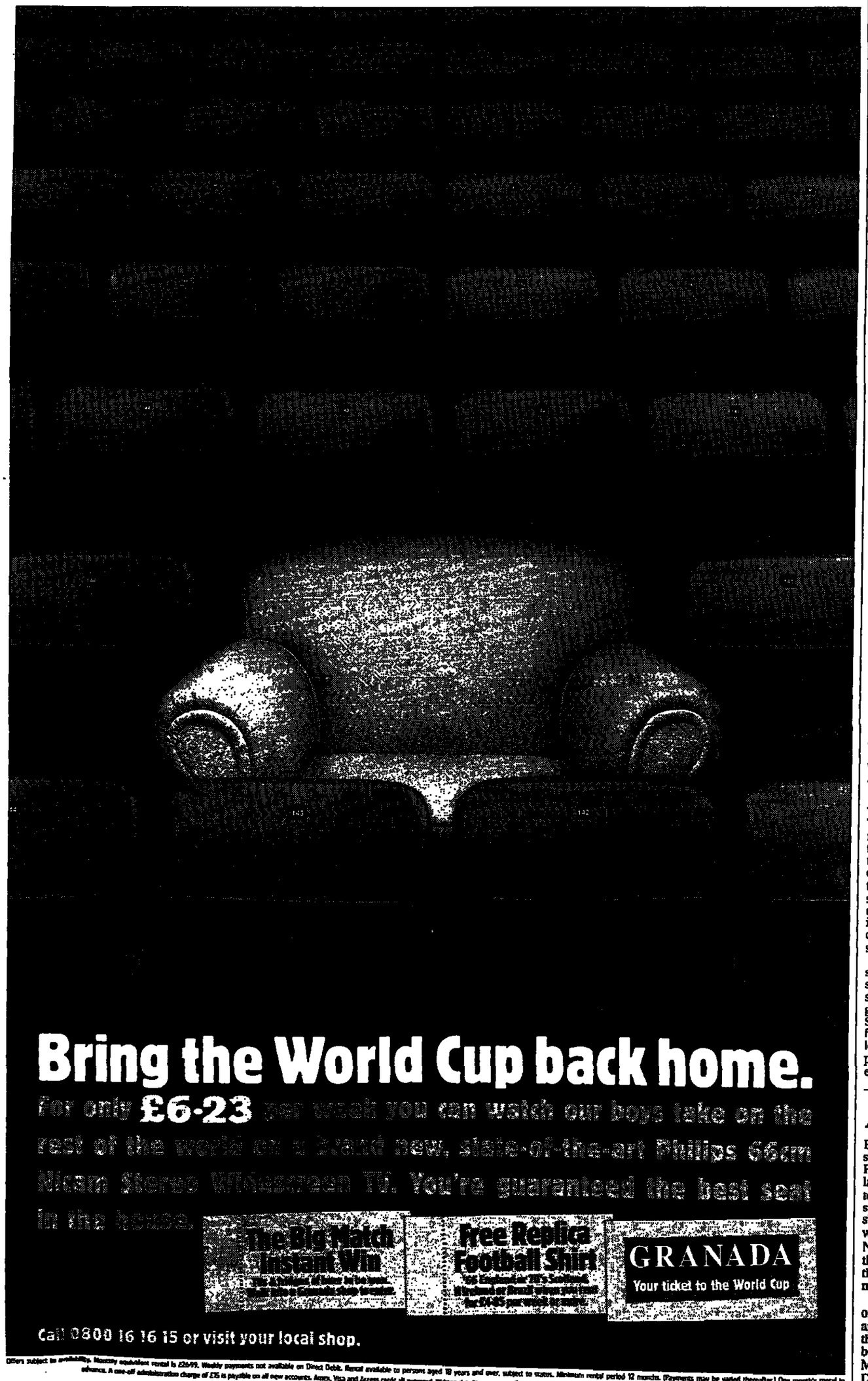
SCORERS: London Irish: Try: Bishop (42min). Penalty goals: Woods 7 (4, 8, 37, 40, 48, 59, 83) Rotherham: Tries: Lax (27), Austin (81). Conversions: Binns 2.

SCORING SEQUENCE (London Irish first): 3-0, 6-0, 6-7, 9-7, 12-7 (half-time), 17-7, 20-7, 23-7, 23-14, 26-14

LONDON IRISH: C O'Shea; J Bishop, B Venter (rep: S Burns, 70min), M McCall, N Woods; D Humphreys, N Hogan; J Fitzpatrick, R Kellam (rep: A Redmond, 37), G Halpin (rep: L Mooney, 78), N Harvey, M O'Kelly (rep: M Morahan, 45-51), K Spicer, K Dawson, I Feaunati (rep: C Bird, 77).

ROTHERHAM: M Umaga; M Dawson, G Austin, J Shepherd (rep: A Buzza, 63), D Lax, S Binns, G Easterby; S Bunting, R Wareham, J Ashley (rep: S Wilson, 55), J Dudley (rep: D Cook, 78), G Webster, B Wade, N Spence (rep: C West, 47-53), M Schmid

Referee: E Morrison (Bristol).



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Madden's try adds zest to desultory encounter

Llanelli 19
Ebbw Vale 12

BY GERALD DAVIES

THIS victory at Ashton Gate was Llanelli's tenth in the final of a Welsh Cup competition, a remarkable record in the 27-year history of the tournament, now sponsored by Swalec. They have also earned a deserved reputation for spritely adventure, but sadly, for all their grand tradition, their performance on Saturday — apart from a superb try by Madden, another break by Moon and one occasion when three threequarters appeared to be lining up for a score and failed in the attempt — was eminently forgettable.

Indeed, it is hard to believe that any of the previous winning sides contributed as little to a game as Llanelli did to this match. They played largely in defence, although when they did venture beyond the halfway line, through the kicking of Warlow or the two centres, Boobyer and Davies, their opponents committed such errors as to allow Warlow to kick enough penalty goals to ensure victory.

Apart from one occasion in the second half, when they held a lead that barely lasted two minutes, Ebbw Vale were always chasing the game. Nevertheless, they will point no doubt to two crucial incidents that worked against them.

First, Warlow's third penalty came after Moon had knocked-on taking a quick penalty, an offence that the referee did not see. Consequently, with Ebbw Vale not having retreated the required ten metres, the referee gave Llanelli a second chance in a more kickable position.

Then, 20 minutes into the second half, Taumalolo, who was by far the most enterprising player on the field, ran confidently from his own half. In the clear and faced with the Llanelli full back, the Fijian chipped ahead. Williams seemed to body-check him. A try might not have been probable, since Proctor was covering, but Taumalolo's talent is such that the Fijian might well have got to the ball first.



Proctor: covered the break

Instead, Ebbw Vale had to be content with Hayward's penalty. His next penalty gave his team the lead, but this was short-lived, for, two minutes later, Warlow kicked a penalty goal on his team's first visit to the opposition half for a quarter of an hour.

Ebbw Vale were purposeful, but lack a speedy cutting edge in midfield. Their build-up work is always effective, but there is no final thrust.

By contrast, when, six minutes from full time, Llanelli sensed an opportunity, they took it. Moon ran clear in midfield, but found only one man on his shoulder, Madden, a recruit from Penzance, who was given the ball with 30 metres to go. The prop forward showed a surprising turn of pace and, when challenged on the line, his strength and momentum took him over. Warlow converted from the touchline.

SCORERS: Llanelli: Try: Madden (74min) Conversion: Warlow Penalty goals: Warlow 4 (8, 27, 31, 69) Ebbw Vale: Penalty goals: Hayward 3 (30, 60, 67). Dropped goal: Hayward (17)

SCORING SEQUENCE (Llanelli first): 3-0, 3-3, 6-3, 6-6, 9-6 (half-time), 9-9, 9-12, 12-12, 19-12

LLANELLI: D Williams; W Proctor, N Boobyer (rep: M Wintle, 64min), N Davies, G Evans, C Warlow, R Moon; A Jones, R McBryde, M Madden, V Cooper, M Voyle, C Wyatt (rep: A Gibbs, 63), I Jones, H Jenkins.

EBBW VALE: S Taumalolo; A Harries, J Hawker (rep: J Strange, 71), J Funnell, L Woodland, B Hayward, D Llewellyn; A Phillips, I. Phillips (rep: I Thomas, 77), M Wilson, C Billen, K Faletau, R Collins, K Jones, M Jones

Referee: C Thomas (Neath)

Scouts out for Bernat-Salles

Newcastle 47
World XV 41

BY PETER BILLS

TWICKENHAM has staged a multitude of rugby matches for differing audiences through the years, but Saturday may have been the first time that it has become a giant supermarket. The talents of many overseas players seeking transfers were scrutinised closely by representatives of several English clubs.

No more than 20,000 people saw this final game of the season, but they were given a supreme exhibition of the game's finest skills. To call the Sanyo Cup an end-of-season friendly would be grossly misleading: it was a highly competitive affair. Sanyo is to extend its sponsorship and, given the quality of play, its decision is justified.

It is rumoured that the likes of Williams, Hurter and Strydom, of South Africa, Knox and Coker, of Australia, Vaccari and Giovanelli, of Italy, and Bernat-Salles, the flying France wing, are all targets for English clubs. Bernat-Salles scored a hat-trick of tries in 31 pulsating first-half minutes and Knox, the master tactician, called the shots with great skill and precision. There was also one of the great No 8 performers in Strauss, formerly of South Africa, who at the end of this year will qualify through residence for Australia.

Newcastle introduced Andrew and Armstrong at the interval to expose the scratch team's lack of defensive cohesion, yet it was not until the 78th minute, when Tuigamala scored, that Newcastle completed an industrious revival.

SCORERS: Newcastle: Tries: Tait 2 (4min, 33), Nesdale (40), Graham (56), Armstrong (58), Lam (69), Tuigamala (78). Conversions: Wilkinson 2, Andrew 4. World XV: Tries: Bernat-Salles 3 (8, 12, 31), Pichot 2 (42, 47), Williams (7), Sella (26). Conversions: Knox 3.

SCORING SEQUENCE (Newcastle first): 7-0, 7-7, 7-12, 7-17, 7-24, 7-31, 12-31, 19-31 (half-time), 19-36, 19-41, 26-41, 33-41, 40-41, 47-41.

NEWCASTLE: S Legg, J Naylor, V Tuigamala, M Shaw (rep: G Childs, 65min), A Tait; J Wilkinson (rep: R Andrew, 40), C Simpson-Daniel (rep: G Armstrong, 40); G Graham, R Nesdale (rep: N Frankland, 69), P van Zandvliet (rep: D Barnes, 49-66), R Beattie, G Weir, P Lam, R Arnold (rep: S O'Neill, 47), P Walton.

WORLD XV: P Vaccari (Italy; rep: E Rush, New Zealand, 51), P Bernat-Salles (France), P Sella (France; rep: G Leaupepe, Western Samoa, 40), S Glas (France; rep: Sella, 60), C Williams (South Africa); D Knox (Australia, rep: A Thomas, Wales, 66), A Pichot (Argentina), C Blades (Australia), R Ibañez (France; rep: R Cockerill, England, 40; rep: Ibañez, 47-50), M Hurter (South Africa, rep: D Garforth, England, 60), J Strydom (South Africa, rep: T Coker, Australia, 40), W Waugh (Australia, rep: Strydom, 70), M Giovanelli (Italy; rep: F Pienaar, South Africa, 60), Pienaar (rep: S Latu, Western Samoa, 40), C Strauss (South Africa)

Referee: S Piercy (Yorkshire)

Ashton joins England tour set-up

BRIAN ASHTON, who resigned as coach of Ireland in February, will join the England coaching panel for the tour to the southern hemisphere. Ashton, who was assistant coach to Martin Green when England last visited New Zealand in 1985, will then help the preparation of the England junior squads next season.

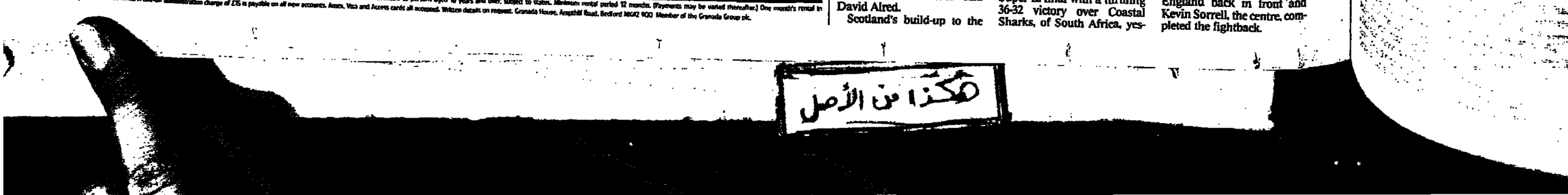
England leave for Brisbane on Wednesday and the appointment of Ashton brings the panel to five, the others being Clive Woodward, John Mitchell, Phil Larder and David Alred.

Scotland's build-up to the international against Fiji tomorrow suffered a setback yesterday when David Hilton, the prop, one of their most experienced forwards, lost his struggle to overcome an Achilles tendon problem. His place goes to Gordon McIlwham, of Glasgow Hawks, who will win his first cap.

McIlwham, 28, said: "I feel sorry for Dave, but I am determined to make it hard for him to get back."

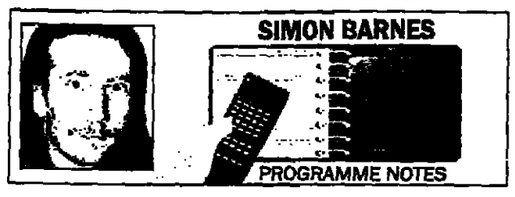
Canterbury Crusaders secured an all-New Zealand Super 12 final with a thrilling 36-32 victory over Coastal Sharks, of South Africa, yesterday. The Crusaders, guided by the boot of Andrew Mehrtens, the All Blacks fly half, meet Auckland in the final at Eden Park on Saturday. The Blues beat Otago 37-31 the previous day.

The England Under-21 team completed the double over their France counterparts with a 42-27 victory at Twickenham. England added to the away win achieved in February after France had overturned a 25-12 deficit to lead 27-25. James Cockle muscled his way over to take England back in front and Kevin Sorrell, the centre, completed the fightback.



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Good Shepherd bids compassionate farewell



There are some things that television can never give you. Speed, angle, power, position, that sort of thing — crucial bits of watching a cricket match. But television can give you faces. The defining moment of the Texaco Trophy series of one-day internationals was a face, an expression, and not one member of the paying audience would have been aware of it, watching, as they were, a different event entirely.

It was not even the face of a player, but the face of an umpire. David Shepherd is a man designed by providence as the archetypal cricket umpire. Massive but easy in his build, massive but easy in his authority, snowy hair to match the coat, the cap. At ease with the position, the players, the game.

And so to Adam Hollioake, bringer of the new dawn. A bold, brave experiment from Lord's — as such, a collector's item. He was selected as the specialist one-day captain: bold, Australian in extraction, pugnacious, good talker. Makes the most of his talent, and, crucially, makes the most of his team.

His band of bits and pieces players ran through the lot in Sharjah in December and that was great. So, naturally, he was at once dismissed as one-day captain, in the best Lord's tradition. He was then reinstated, also in the best Lord's tradition, in the wake of the resignation of Michael Atherton.

England won the first one-dayer in the Caribbean. The dream was on, the great experiment going at full bore. Dynamic leadership. Welding individuals into a real team. Hard attitude, great energy, great fielding. One for all and all for one.

So they lost the next four games against West Indies and then the first against South Africa last Thursday. One more defeat and the series was gone. So, in the course of the day, we watched England, thanks to Darren Gough, their one world-class bowler, put South Africa on the rack. Then we watched Hollioake untie them and help them up.

"Bring back Gough," came the cry from the sitting-rooms of England, but Hollioake kept him for last. Timid, lacking instinct, not sure when to gamble, not knowing whether to stick or bust. Going bust, though, is not a decision within a player's remit in pontoon.

Or is it? England replied, scored runs, lost wickets. The captain had failed to do it with leadership, with tactics. Now, down to his last card, he had to do it off his own bat. He scored 46 runs. Victory was in his sights, man of the match, going into the final match at one-apiece.

In the space of a ball, the match, the series, Hollioake's captaincy and the England strategy for the World Cup next summer went wrong. Shaun Pollock bowled him a fast inducker. Hollioake missed it.

Enter Shepherd. Finger raised. What did Hollioake do? Or say? We could not see that, but surely there was no dissent against Shepherd. If anything, it was more serious: dissent against God. God, you cannot be serious. Surely Shep, surely God, surely the ball was missing leg stump.

We saw only Shep's reaction. A big round face, with white fluffy hair and a white cap, smiling with compassion, with understanding of all that his decision meant. Also, with a little irony, that one ball should matter so much. And inexorable, quite inexorable.

You cannot judge leg-before from replays, no matter what Ian Botham thinks, but, so far as you could see, Shepherd got it absolutely right. The ball would have taken out leg stump. That's out.

So it is South Africa's series and they have taken it because of their harder edge, brighter leadership, greater corporate resolve and by solid contributions from their bits and pieces players. True. South Africa also have a great fast bowler in Allan Donald, but then England had a potential match-winner in Gough.

South Africa and England went into the series with similar game-plans, similar strategies, similar philosophies — and South Africa were better at them. The close-ups of Hollioake in the field were vignettes of the lost leader: lost, that is, in the Mark Thatcher sense of the term.

Hollioake was flavour of the month in December, but in sport, you are lucky if being flavour of the month lasts as long as a week. "It's a confidence thing," cricketers say and, indeed, anything that lasts in the game — or any other game — comes from deeply-rooted belief. Batting and bowling are matters of belief. So is leadership.

A captain must believe in his players, the other ten, with a double ration of belief for himself. Good decisions stem from confidence, from belief. Hansie Cronje, the South Africa captain, believes in God and in South Africa. Hollioake was chosen to lead the England one-day side because he believes in himself. Alas, he has become an agnostic.

Shepherd was there at his judgment, a benign and rubicund Jehovah. Benign. And quite inexorable.

'It is as if paraffin has been put into the petrol tank of the most creative English player of his generation'

Gascoigne struggles on sands of time



Gascoigne labours to escape the attention of a Saudi Arabia opponent as England are held comfortably at Wembley. Photograph: Gary M. Prior/Allsport

ROB HUGHES



To be at Wembley Stadium on a grey Saturday was like accepting an invitation to dinner and finding that there was no place at the table. The main course was to be the two important playmakers: for England, Paul Gascoigne, when he appeared; for Saudi Arabia, Saeed Al-Owairan.

The latter, jailed for six months and banned for 18 months from the game for having taken drinks at a party during Ramadan, did show his touches, class and desire. And for England? Alas, poor Gazza — and poor Glenn Hoddle. It was 4.30pm when something quite perturbing, definitely quite sad, overtook Gascoigne. He had tried one of his famous shimmies — and ran straight into a green shirt. The surprised Saudi took the ball off him and, at no great pace, began moving away.

Gascoigne, acting on instinct, gave chase, but it was as if he was running on desert sand. He seemed to be losing ground with every stride, like Crisp, the Grand National horse.

An even sadder notion took hold. It was that Hoddle, the England coach who is now 40, would stand an even chance of tuning his body and skills in the limited time available to give England the half-hour of clarity, shape and invention that is all he seems to expect of Gascoigne.

I do not write that facetiously. I base it on what I have seen of England training at Bisham Abbey, where Hoddle, still lean of body, joins in with relish. The truth is that Hoddle's is a cared for physique. By comparison, it is as if someone has put paraffin into the petrol tank of the most creative English player of his generation, Gascoigne. It is a pity that, while there was time, he never seemed to find friendships among those who might understand the demands on the body of sport at this high level. It recalls the sadness of George Best, who, in similar company on the periphery of football, filled his glass and diluted prematurely his value.

It would not be such a shame if England had a replacement. However, Matthew Le Tissier is marooned in Southampton, deemed even by Hoddle to be inadequately energetic for England's cause. David Beckham was tried in the Gascoigne role on Saturday and, while it is a mitigating factor that neither Alan Shearer nor the tired-out shell of Teddy Sheringham provided movement up front, Beckham's supposed vision and ability to deliver precise passes over a distance were rarely seen.

"We wanted to try David in the central midfield," Hoddle said. "People tell me it is his best position and his use of the ball was very good at times, but at others a bit sloppy."

How condemning. Beckham is the best right-sided provider that England possesses. His dynamism and, when tempered, his competitiveness for the ball are well-served on the flank, whereas, on the scant evidence of Saturday, he seems somehow to be a closed-in personality, unable to see the options, in central midfield.

Of course, this was friendly competition. Players who believe that they are already in the squad for the World Cup are not going to risk injury and have no real need to impress Hoddle other than by the way they live and train and take care of their precious resources. Also, after the week's lessons at Bisham Abbey from Paul Durkin, the referee, there is extreme caution in the tackling.

Yet England are in trouble here. They scarcely know how to take the foot off the pedal in friendly events — witness the clenched-fist approach to Le Tournoi last summer, where far too much was read into the England "victory" when some opponents, notably Italy, clearly used the competition for experience, experimentation and, as designed, for friendly play.

By comparison, on Saturday, David Batty, told to show restraint, looked like a piranha without bite. In this low-key atmosphere, what became apparent was that the Saudis are yet another supposedly lesser force who possess players of technical quality, comfortable with the ball at their feet.

Where England would score over Saudi Arabia is in real tournament play. They have a spirit, a combativeness, that few on earth, never mind the Saudis, can match and it is not the fault of Hoddle that he has been unable to find precious jewels to reverse the imbalance between aggression and flair. Maybe he has no option but to trust Gascoigne to be a good soldier. Maybe England still must hope beyond hope that once Gascoigne's renowned appetite for training well and giving his all when the fierce blast of competition is at hand will restore him beyond belief. If not, it is hard to see who will give the England "star" players credibility in times when they dare talk of taking the Football Association to court to augment their salaries even further. It does not help that, on Saturday, some of them appeared less gifted than their scarcely-known opponents. In particular, Sami Al-Jaber and Al-Owairan, their two forwards, showed a deftness of touch, a quickness and elusiveness on the ball, to raise more doubts about the quality of English defending.

Owairan, who is the same age as Gascoigne, scored such a wonderful goal at the 1994 World Cup finals against Belgium that he would have graced any club side in Europe. He wanted that opportunity, but the football team of the nation is owned by the Saudi government and, aside from his foolishness in breaking strict Islamic law, he was removed from the game as much for that desire as for imbibing forbidden drink.

On Saturday, he lasted almost 80 minutes and, with one stunning shot, tested the reactions of David Seaman. Also Owairan, with the most audacious of body-swerves, provided a chance that his centre forward squandered and darted in for another low shot of his own, inches wide.

The conclusion is that Saudi Arabia, under the experienced coaching of Carlos Alberto Parreira, the Brazilian, is beginning to salvage its "Gazza", while England can only pray. It will take all the nerve and faith of Hoddle to stick with Gascoigne. The alternatives are not inspiring.

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Psychology in fashion

From Dr Barry Cripps
Sir, Simon Wilde's Cricket Commentary (May 18) discusses the "fashionable trade in the exploration of the minds of sportsmen and women". As a chartered occupational psychologist and an Olympic sport psychologist I congratulate him on raising some valid points but wish to correct several points and to add my professional opinion.

First, there is apparently a significant misunderstanding about what sport psychology is and is not. It is the practice of applied psychology dealing essentially with performance aspects of athletes. It is not "reading thoughts", "mental one-twos with a faith healer", "mental profiling borrowed from Australia" or "mistaking Freudian slips for a fielding position". It does, however, work through "sensitive handling [of athletes] remaining a key to progress", when an athlete finds that his or her physical, physiological and performance progress is being held back in some way. In the same way that sometimes our body becomes dysfunctional, our mind can become so too.

The British Psychological Society and the British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences are currently exploring ways to create an accountable and ethical profession "Chartered Sport and Exercise Psychologist". Until this is in place, athletes and the general public who seriously seek advice of a psychological/performance nature in sport or the workplace should contact one of the aforementioned organisations.
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Good causes

From Mr B. Carroll
Sir, With reference to Danny Baker's article (May 9) on the selling off of the turf from Anfield, this was organised by a local radio station with the help of the Eldonian Garden Centre. As far as the money going into "grasping hands" of Anfield staff is concerned, all the proceeds were going to very good causes: the Roy Castle appeal and Give Your Child a Chance.
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Shabby treatment of wheelchair spectators

From Mrs Lindsay Travis
Sir, We were looking forward to a fun Bank Holiday weekend. Racing at Hexham on Saturday, cricket at Headingley on Sunday and, as the highpoint, the Nationwide League first division play-off final (Sunderland v Charlton Athletic) on Monday at Wembley Stadium. Some 79,000 tickets for the last event were on sale; 65 are designated for wheelchair users. Ben, our son, would have been guaranteed a seat through Sunderland as a season-ticket holder. Unfortunately he is unable to walk and, apparently, this is now a condition of watching football at the highest level.

This level of discrimination would not be tolerated on the grounds of race or gender. Hexham and Headingley (both comparatively small venues) treated our family like normal customers, but it was only after much pressure that we were eventually able to obtain him a ticket from the ground that stages some of the most prestigious sporting events in the country. Why does it treat disabled supporters so shabbily?
Yours faithfully,
LINDSAY TRAVIS,
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From Mr Phil Raines
Sir, The laws of association football require goalkeepers to wear colours contrasting with those of all other players. Why, therefore, has the law been compromised after the introduction of the FA Carling Premiership?

I could quote numerous examples in the past season where colours worn by goalkeepers and other players have been very similar, a recent occasion being at Anfield with Liverpool playing in their customary red, Arsenal fielding yellow and a goalkeeper wearing orange. Another example involved a team in red again with a goalkeeper in a jersey of several colours, the predominant hue being red.

Shirts off colour

I assume that referees undergo tests for any difficulties with colour but a fair percentage of the population experience discrimination problems and I fail to comprehend why clubs have been allowed to flout the law or indeed why officials have agreed to start matches in such circumstances.
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From Mr David Ryman
Sir, So now we know that wearing red or blue helps to win trophies and that wearing stripes does not (no striped-shirted team has won the English league since before the war) unless you're in Italy.

We also know that football teams are less successful away than at home.

However, has some assiduous statistician had a good look at the success (or failure) rate of teams wearing unnecessary away strips incorporating stripes or scrambled eggs? And can it be shown that the likes of the oddball greys worn by Manchester United or England are not only "invisible" but also are less successful than plain red, white or blue?
Yours faithfully,
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European influence

From Mr B. Schwarz
Sir, When umpteen thousand fans go into hysterics when their team, eight of whom come from Italy, France, Romania and Holland, win the Cup Winners' Cup and when, in addition, media and commentators describe such a victory as a great advertisement for British football or "as a welcome measure of revenge by England over Germany" by your own correspondent (May 14), it is time to wonder whether we are all living on the same planet. From the fans, such self-delusion is understandable, for they have precious little to cheer about as far as British sport is concerned; for commentators and media to join in this delusion is less comprehensible. Teams such as Arsenal, Chelsea, Manchester United and Newcastle United are about as British as the European Union — and beyond. It would be more factual for such teams to add (Int.) after their names.
Yours truly,
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Olympic hopes

From Mr Geoffrey N. Silman
Sir, I know that Anelka and Overmars are quick, but can they really "sprint 100 metres close to even time" as Rob Hughes suggests in his excellent article (May 18)?

If so, with a little specialist training, Arsenal could have two finalists in the Sydney Olympic Games.
Yours faithfully,
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Danger period

From Mr Nicholas Fogg
Sir, You state (May 20) that Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, will monitor his wayward player's life "from his breakfast cereal to his bedtime".

Surely this is not Paul Gascoigne's danger period.
Yours faithfully,
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This week in THE TIMES



■ **Tomorrow**
Will the Premiership passion of Peter Reid, above, be fulfilled? Sunderland meet Charlton Athletic at Wembley with a place among football's elite at stake

■ **Wednesday**
Greg Rusedski goes to the clay courts of Paris in search of that elusive first grand-slam title

■ **Thursday**
Hoddle's England travel from their World Cup training camp in southern Spain to Casablanca to play Morocco. Will they amount to more than a hill of beans?

■ **Saturday**
Shearer and company return to Casablanca for their final World Cup game, against Belgium, before the World Cup finals. Oliver Holt reports

SAILING: MERIT CUP HAS HONOUR OF VICTORY IN FINAL LEG OF WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE

Smith hides behind broken mast

By Edward Gorman
Sailing Correspondent

GILL ALLEN



Smith takes the helm as *Silk Cut* and her crew arrive in Southampton yesterday to claim a disappointing fifth place overall in the Whitbread

AFTER 32,000 miles of ocean racing, the Whitbread Round the World Race reached a spectacular climax on the Solent yesterday as British yachtsmen in their thousands turned out to welcome the fleet, with Grant Dalton's *Merit Cup* leading the way to the finish outside Ocean Village.

The plan for this shortest leg in Whitbread history was to have the boats racing into the final stages in daylight and in close formation. In order to get the timing right, a 26-mile extra loop was inserted early yesterday morning between Pool Fairway Buoy and North Head, just before the boats entered the Solent through the Needles Channel.

In the event, it was *Merit Cup* that appeared first, ghosting along under leaden skies and surrounded by scores of spectator craft. The already-confirmed race winner, Paul Cayard, on *EF Language*, was about half a mile behind.

With Kevin Shoebridge driving and Mike Quilter standing on the transom, checking his chart of Southampton Water, *Merit* made her way slowly to windward while Dalton crouched on the topsides next to the wheel, keeping an eye on Cayard. With the breeze dying, Dalton crossed the line, completing his fifth Whitbread to the resounding crash of the 105-millimetre guns of the Royal Artillery just before 1pm. Cayard, a newcomer to the race, finished 15 minutes later.

Dalton's victory on this ninth leg proved to be a decisive blow to Gunnar Krantz's *Swedish Match*, which set off from La Rochelle in France on Friday with a 26-point lead over *Merit* and intent on defending second position. However, Krantz's crew allowed the pressure to get to them in the close-quarters racing that characterised the leg and they could only manage a desperately disappointing fifth position into Southampton. Thus Dalton, who was fearful that he may not hang on to third place when he set off, was able to enjoy the pleasure of finishing second overall.

The third boat in was Knut Frostad's *Innovation Kvaerner*, which beat Lawrie Smith, of Great Britain, on *Silk Cut* by ten minutes, to claim fourth position overall. This condemned Smith to fifth, three points behind the Norwegians.

Smith said: "If we'd done half-decently on the leg when we broke our mast, we would have probably finished second — we broke our mast, that's what happened. Is that so bad?" Then Smith revealed for the first time that his mast had come down in the Southern Ocean on the fifth leg because the topmast backstay attachment had failed. He had refused to disclose this before, hoping that others with identical rigs, including Cayard, may suffer a similar fate.

Notwithstanding his own analysis, *Silk Cut*'s finishing position is probably no better nor worse than Smith deserved. It has been a poor British campaign and one that took almost half the race to get up to speed. In truth, Smith's race was arguably lost through bad or indifferent results in the first four legs. A new navigator in the second half of the race gave a glimpse of what the boat and her crew were capable of, but it was too little, too late.

Perhaps the biggest loser yesterday, though, was John Kostecki's *Chessie Racing*, which set off from France in fourth place and with ambitions of finishing second. It all went wrong with a couple of dud tactical calls in the English Channel and the boat came in seventh. In the overall standings, she got hammered, slipping to sixth, just behind *Silk Cut*.

It is easy to forget the achievement of Cayard and *EF Language*, who sewed up their surprise victory in this Whitbread on the eighth leg, when they sailed *Swedish Match* down the fleet, to secure the title with a leg to spare. *EF* was sixth on that stage, but that was as a result of a deliberate strategy. Excluding it from her tally, she remains the only boat in the fleet not to have finished lower than fifth. All the others in the top seven had at least two sixth places or lower, with some, such as *Silk Cut*, managing three.

This underlines that *EF Language*'s victory was built on consistent good performances. "We've all learnt from Paul," Dalton said, "about the intensity in the way they sailed."

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HOCKEY

Broughton caught up in scenes of discontent

From Sydney Friskin
in Utrecht

PETER BROUGHTON, the England umpire, rushed to the aid of Irfan Zaidi, his Pakistani colleague, when he was jostled by India players after they had lost 4-3 to South Korea in a World Cup pool A match yesterday.

The winning goal was scored from a short corner awarded by Zaidi on the stroke of full-time and, under the rules, had to be completed. India will not lodge a protest, but stressed that when two Asian teams meet, the two umpires chosen should be from another continent. India also maintained that the short corner was awarded after the final hooter was sounded.

No matter where England finish, they will leave behind the memory of a fierce battle for survival against Pakistan, the holders, for whom victory by 7-5 was accompanied by great relief.

With three minutes to go, Pakistan were clinging precariously to a 6-5 lead — England having fought back from 3-5 — when Shahbaz Ahmed, the inside left, set off towards goal with a dummy run. The finishing touch was made by Kamran Ashraf, the centre forward, who had only to scoop the ball into the net.

England had not previously scored five goals against Pakistan: then again, they had never conceded seven. The hamstring injury of Waugh, who left the field after six minutes, could have caused disruption in defence, which, according to Barry Dancer, the coach, was one of the reasons for pulling Giles off the bench in the second half.

Dancer said: "We gave ourselves a chance to win, but shot ourselves in the foot. We defended the circle badly and the game turned on the soft goals we gave away."

The dramatic end brought the crowd to its feet, but the result left England, who also lost to Spain in their opening game, with little chance of a place in the semi-finals.

Scots hang on to grab vital first victory

From Cathy Harris
in Utrecht

SCOTLAND survived a tremendous late onslaught by South Africa to hold on for their first win and keep alive their hopes of finishing in the top six when they won 3-2 in the World Cup finals yesterday.

The victory spoke volumes about Scotland's tenacity after losing defender, Janet Jack, as early as the 22nd minute.

Sue MacDonald made the break for Sue Gilmour to give Scotland a seventh-minute lead and MacDonald made it 2-0 11 minutes later. The Springboks pulled one back through Pietie Coetzee and although she converted a 48th-minute penalty stroke after MacDonald had scored her second, South Africa failed to further unhinge the Scotland defence.

Australia and Germany cruised to their third successive wins at the head of the table, with unbeaten Argentina and Holland in pole position in the other group. South Korea provide England with a stern test today.

"We have to beat them," Kirsty Bowden, the England captain, said after their 4-2 defeat by Argentina. Maggie Souyave, the coach, confirmed that she is replacing Hilary Rose, the goalkeeper, with Carolyn Reid.

Errors by Rose allowed Argentina back into the match, arguably, after Purdy Miller had given England a fifth-minute lead. Maria Cecilia Rognoni's corner strike appeared to squeeze in past Rose's stick in the 28th minute, although she could do nothing to stop the same player scoring again two minutes later.

Jane Sixsmith levelled five minutes after the restart, but Argentina sealed victory through Sofia Mackenzie and Luciana Aymar.

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Robertson, of Scotland, tussles with Arnoldi, of South Africa, as the Scots hold on for a 3-2 victory yesterday

ROWING: VIRTUAL NOVICE POWERS TO VICTORY IN THE WOMEN'S SCULLS AT NATIONAL SCHOOLS REGATTA

Relentless Flood underlines her rapid progress

By Mike Rosewell

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

DEBBIE FLOOD, of Tideway Scullers, a virtual novice compared with the other 2,334 competitors, took the women's sculls title at the National Schools Regatta at Holme Pierrepont on Saturday.

Flood, from Bradford, took up rowing only last August after holding the British under-20 judo championship and using an indoor rowing machine for training. She attended a sculling course at the Tideway Scullers club in London and was spotted by Alec Hodges, the veteran coach. A subsequent phone call to Mark Banks, the Great Britain chief junior coach, in October set the ball rolling.

Banks took over her coaching, but, in November, Flood finished last in national sculling trials. She is a fast learner, however, as evidenced by two A levels by the age of 15 and a subsequent 11 GCSEs at A grade. In the trials in February, she finished fifth out of 30 and by late March she was first.

Banks's orders to his pupil on Saturday were followed to the letter. Flood "cruised" her first two races before revealing her much improved form, particularly off the start, in the final. She was up against two other Great Britain squad members, Frances Houghton, of King's Canterbury, and Rebecca Romero, of Kingston. Flood and Houghton won recently in a double in Munich, beating a German crew who won gold in the 1997 world junior championships.

They went stroke for stroke off the start of the final, but Flood, strong enough to settle at a lower rate of 30 after 500 metres, moved to a two-length lead at halfway. Houghton made up leeway between 1,500 and 1,750 metres, but Flood sprinted to 35 in the run-in to win by just over a length.

Flood lowered the course record by 3sec and, to the clear delight of Banks who has transformed British junior sculling, both Houghton and Romero were only just outside the former best. "It is a credit to all the coaches involved to produce three outstanding athletes," he said.

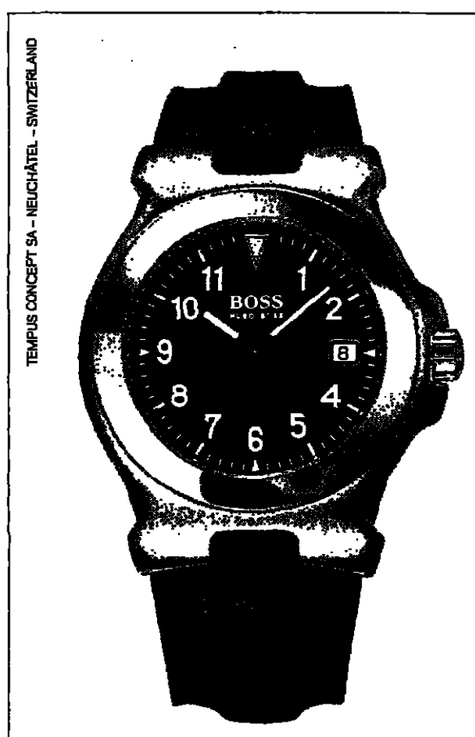
There was further cause for Banks to celebrate when Headington School won the championship double sculls with Charlaine Kepinska and Kathryn Stewart on board. Kepinska is taking part in trials for the Great Britain Under-23 squad this year and Stewart was Romero's partner in a second-placed double at Munich.

Six international trialists were in the Eton crew that won the boys' championship eights after two closely-fought heats. Abingdon won the marginally faster one, with Radley and Eton qualifying behind them. St Edward's, Oxford, led home the other, followed by Bedford and St Paul's.

The final produced a storming start by all except St Paul's, who crabbed on the third stroke. Radley, St Edward's, Abingdon and Eton were level at 250 metres. Abingdon took a slight intiative until 800 metres, when Eton produced an impressive change of gear. It took Abingdon by surprise. Eton grew in confidence and broke clear at 1,300 metres. Abingdon and Radley had a tremendous tussle for second place, Abington prevailing narrowly, although there was ample compensation for Radley who won four other eights events.

Lady Eleanor Holles won the girls' eights for the sixth time, although Beryl Crockford, their coach, said: "We did not win the junior 16 eights — so we are human." That honour went to Gloucester, the first club, rather than school, to take the trophy.

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Thirlstone lift the Dollar Cup

THE four-chukka tournament for the Dollar Cup, which had attracted an entry of 24 teams, was concluded on the Lawns ground at Cowdray Park, Midhurst, yesterday (John Watson writes). Tony Pidgely's team, Thirlstone (received a half) beat Stefan Marsaglia's Azzurra 8½-7 to lift the Dollar Cup.

Comprising a team aggregate handicap of 11, as opposed to Azzurra's 12, Thirlstone were off to a half-goal handicap lead and were up 4½-0 by the close of the first chukka. Thirlstone's goals were shared between Nacho Gonzalez, Tim Bown and Sebastian Dawnay, the latter proving to be an excellent No 1 on his modest handicap.

Azzurra's close central partnership of Mauricio Devrient-Kidd and Justin Gaunt, which had been one of the impressive features of this tournament, was slow to find its rhythm, but, working in closer harmony in the second chukka, those two brought the tally to 5½-3 before half-time, Gaunt hitting top form, riding an exceptionally fast pony and scoring two fine goals.

The last chukka opened most excitingly at 6½-6 and the game swung to and fro at a furious pace. Nacho Gonzalez was at his best in the fourth period, playing a lead role in the last two Thirlstone goals that ensured his team enjoyed a well deserved victory.

TEAMS: Thirlstone: 1, S Dawnay (2), 2, T Bown (4), 3, N Gonzalez (5), 4, T Pidgely (0). Azzurra: 1, R Dudman (2), 2, J Gaunt (4), 3, M Devrient-Kidd (5), 4, S Marsaglia (0)

SPORT IN BRIEF

Jackson's fast start

■ **ATHLETICS:** In an encouraging weekend for British athletes, Colin Jackson recorded his second fast 110 metres hurdles in four days yesterday, Du'aine Ladejo made a promising start to his decathlon career and Allison Curbishley posted a brisk 400 metres (David Powell writes). On Wednesday, Jackson recorded 13.14sec, followed by 13.16sec in Jena, Germany, yesterday. Also in Jena, Curbishley recorded 51.45sec and finished second. Ladejo finished the first day of the decathlon in Arles, France, on 4,184 points.

Hit and miss for Hendry

■ **SNOOKER:** *Stephen Hendry provided evidence that he can continue to rewrite the record books during the Dr Martens Premier League play-offs at Irthlingborough, but still failed to end a miserable season on a victorious note. Hendry constructed a break of 147 during a 6-5 defeat by Ken Doherty in the semi-finals of the invitation event. Hendry thus became only the fourth player to achieve a perfect run and lose the match.*

Corser stays on course

■ **MOTOR CYCLING:** Troy Corser grabbed the lead in the world superbike championship after a dramatic day in round four at the Albacete circuit in Spain yesterday. The Australian took second and third places in the two 20-lap races and, although he has yet to win a race so far, still enjoys a seven-point lead over Carl Fogarty, of Great Britain. Fogarty won the second race of the day by 6sec from Aaron Slight, of New Zealand.

Monarchs beaten again

■ **AMERICAN FOOTBALL:** *Despite scoring the only touchdown of the game, the sorry season of the England Monarchs continued in Düsseldorf on Saturday (Richard Wetherell writes). While the Rhein Fire took a giant step towards the World Bowl with a 12-7 victory, their seventh of the season, the Monarchs have lost seven of their NFL Europe games. Reggie Jones scored the Monarchs' touchdown after Josh LaRocca's nine-yard pass.*

Back ruled out

■ **RUGBY UNION:** Neil Back, the Leicester flanker, became the latest player to withdraw from the England tour to the southern hemisphere after failing a fitness test on a groin strain yesterday. He was ruled out when the squad assembled. He will be replaced by Richard Pool-Jones, who plays for Stade Francais, the French champions.

BOWLS

Headaches mount for selectors

THE England selectors were left with as many questions as answers after the international trial at the New Lount club in Leicestershire, as they try to find a team to regain the *News of the World* trophy in Ayr in July (David Rhys Jones writes).

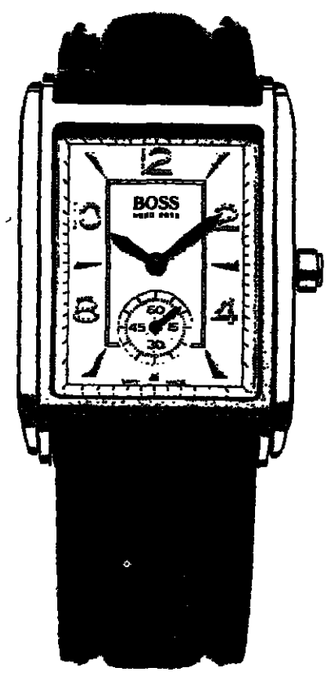
Having dispensed already with the services of David Ward, Gary Smith and Gordon Charlton, they will surely have crossed a few more famous names off the list after the performances yesterday.

Although conditions were far from perfect, most of the selector's "probable" rinks stood up to the test and they will certainly be congratulating themselves on keeping John Ottaway, Mervyn King, Steve Tuohy and David Cutler together. Cutler's quartet cut loose against a rink skipped by Danny Denison, who, if he survives yesterday's 35-9 mauling, will surely be given a new front end.

John Bell did enough as Andy Thomson's new No 3 to suggest that he has found his niche event, while Ian Bond looks likely to play a supporting role to Tony Allcock, although the world outdoor singles champion's rink went down by one shot to Robert Newman.

Bell looked all at sea last year with Lee Miller, from March, who was making his international debut, but Miller's 24-12 defeat of Barry Jenkins yesterday should keep him in the team.

Nick Jones and Newman deserve promotion to the 24-man squad after helping England juniors to victory over Australia last summer.



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David Powell finds out that a world disabled triathlon champion needs courage — and a special follower



Training run: blind triathlete Tim Reddish, left, and his guide Mark Redwood



DAVID BURNER

It takes two to tandem: Reddish aims to retain his world title in Ohio in August and break the record at the London Triathlon in September

Duet for a three-style champion

SPORT FOR ALL

You are on the front of a tandem, travelling downhill at 30mph, at the beginning of a mile-long steep descent, when your brakes start to play up. The rider on the back is blind and you feel the weight of responsibility. The road is slippery from torrential rain and your tyres are thin on tread. There are no escape routes, only lines of houses on either side. You are thinking of the brick wall at the bottom.

The blind rider snatches at a potential solution. In an attempt to gain efficiency from the back brake, he yanks at the cable. It snaps. Only one thing for it. Feet off the pedals and on to the floor.

Judder, scrape, screech. The metal-plated cycling shoes fight with the road and the bike slows down. It is as though the Flintstones are alive and appearing in the Bath Triathlon. More than 100 yards later, almost at a halt, the tandem tips over and the riders fall off.

They sit at the roadside laughing in shock. Mark Redwood, the front-seat rider, remembers the incident as his most frightening moment in the daring world of disabled triathlon. Redwood is the guide, Tim Reddish the athlete he has helped to become world champion.

Reddish is a more committed competitor than most able-bodied triathletes whom Redwood knows. "Very goal-orientated," he said. The Bath Triathlon was but one example. Had Redwood had his way, they would never have begun the ride which ended so abruptly.

During the swim, the first discipline, Reddish had hit his head against a metal buoy after his line of communication with his guide, the rope connecting their ankles, became ineffective when a competitor swam between them. When the swim caps came off, for the ride, the blood from the cut on Reddish's head so alarmed Redwood that he insisted they stop.

Reddish, though, would not be persuaded. "He was adamant he wanted to keep going," Redwood said. "He has a more determined attitude than most fully-sighted people I know."

On that basis, watch for Reddish's performance in the second London Triathlon this year. He has two main goals for the season: to retain his disabled world title in Ohio in August and to use the London Triathlon on September 20 for an attempt on the world best time for the Olympic distance.

This means, in effect, repeating his successes of last year. In London, Reddish, a sports development officer for Nottingham City Council, improved the world best for a disabled competitor to 2hr 08min 25sec. Two months later, he won the world title in Perth, Australia.

London has a proven fast course and, as the event seeks to confirm its place as Britain's biggest mass participation triathlon, Reddish gives it his vote of approval, saying he enjoyed the experience more than when he ran the London Marathon. "I got more of a thrill out of the London Triathlon," he said.

"I find the sport so exhilarating, so challenging, so much more fun than just running." Classed B1, the most extreme category of blindness for sport, Reddish relies on Redwood to give him a mental picture. "At the London Triathlon, he was telling me that all those bikes racked up ready to race was such an unbelievable sight," Reddish said.

A sight he wishes he could see for himself? "This may sound a daft question but if an operation to restore your sight was developed tomorrow . . ." I asked. Reddish interrupts, his answer prepared. "I do not want it," he said. Surely he does not expect us to believe that?

"I am serious," he insists, this man whose eyesight was once sufficiently reliable to play football as a goalkeeper but who, at 31, was diagnosed as suffering from retinitis pigmentosa. Now he has only light perception, no functional vision. He is unable to see his wife and two children.

Yet he wants no escape from his darkness. "I would possibly like a bit more vision but, since losing my sight, I have become a better person," Reddish said. "I am more patient, I have learnt new skills, and I am recognised for my achievements in sport. As a sighted person, I would be lost in the run-of-the-mill. I like the kudos, I like to be on a pedestal."

Before losing his sight, Reddish enjoyed sport, but was not dedicated. It was only when Maggie Kelly, the 1980 Olympic silver-medal winner, talked him into shooting for the Paralympics, that he became so. Reddish had been training with Kelly, a breaststroker, using a variety of strokes to keep up with her. "She was the one who kick-started me," he said. "She was my inspiration.

"When I was diagnosed I was afraid of whether I would be able to support my family, that I would become introverted. I used sport as a medium to get on with my life. Now my training is the same as any international athlete."

Reddish, 41, has moved on to triathlon from swimming, though not at the expense of the latter. A silver-medal winner in the 200 metres individual medley at the 1996 Paralympics in Atlanta, and a bronze from the 100 metres freestyle, he is aiming to compete in the world championships in Madrid this summer.

Without giving up the 37 hours-a-week job he needs to support his family, Reddish felt unable train to the level required to become a Paralympic champion. But he finds time each week to swim 15,000 metres, cycle 125 miles and run 20 miles.

On this training regime, he won in Perth. And after all those miles a few more were needed for visiting potential sponsors. "The world championships were possibly an unattainable goal a couple of months beforehand because of the cost and the fact that the Australian summer coincided with our winter," Redwood said.

"Tim raised the money, about £2,500, by bitting and bobbing here and there. It also meant adjusting our training so we could peak in November. There were a lot of cold, dark nights and early-morning swimming sessions."

The rewards are obvious for Reddish but, for Redwood, the motto might be: "All pain, no gain." When they crossed the line after winning the world title, the cameras, the microphones, the reporters' pens all followed Reddish. The guide was like the caddie, the coach, the afterthought for interview. Though he had trained to a higher level than the main man, the plaudits were not his.

As Reddish said: "If my target in the London Triathlon is to do two hours, Mark has to have the ability to do 1:55." Guiding means you need fitness in hand. Redwood, a former junior international, believes that, had he abandoned his tandem for a single-seater, he could be a world championship competitor in his own right.

"I do not see it as a sacrifice but a trade-off," Redwood, 24, said. By training to a less demanding level, he can more easily run a triathlon equipment business. "I would rather see Tim make his goals," Redwood said, his altruism shining through. All he asks is a good set of brakes.

HOW YOU CAN TAKE PART

THE London Triathlon, the London Marathon of the sport, with its blend of world champions, novices and fund-raisers, is still accepting entries for the second annual running of the race on September 20. This, despite turning away 1,900 applicants.

The event is fully subscribed in the open Olympic and sprint categories but places remain available for competitors prepared to raise money for charity or for teams in the corporate relay. About 2,000 participated in the inaugural London Triathlon last year. "This year we are looking for more than 3,000," Michael Smithwick, the event manager, said.

A fascinating duel is in prospect at the head of the field. Simon Lessing, three times the world champion, was the runaway winner of the Olympic distance race last year but, on this occasion, the Briton faces Chris McCormack, the Australian who denied him a fourth world title last November.

Another measure of the event's growing success is that it will serve as a qualifying race for the Olympic Games, with points at stake for entry into Sydney 2000, at which triathlon makes its Olympic debut. Triathlon — a swim-bike-run discipline — rivals the marathon as the modern test of endurance.

"Anybody, including those who have had their original entries rejected, can apply to take part in the corporate relay or to line up in the Olympic distance or sprint and raise funds for any of our 50 nominated charities." Smithwick, who expects 2,200 people to take part as individuals and 800 in the relay, said.

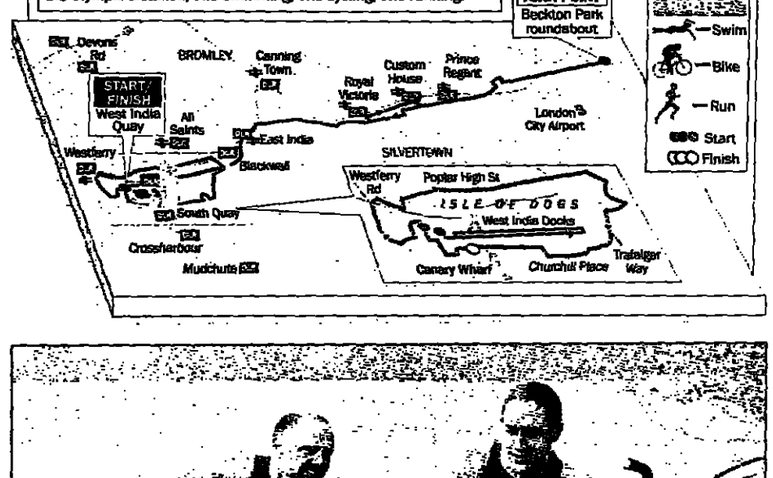
Most will appear in the Olympic distance, the classic combination of a 1,500m swim, a 40km ride, and 10km run. "One notable difference this year is the rise in interest among women. Last year 17 per cent of the field comprised women. This year, so far, it is 24 per cent."

For London Triathlon entry forms, write to: Esprit Marketing, 176 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8ER (0171-928 5055. Fax: 0171-928 5628).

A CAPITAL SWIM - BIKE - RUN

THE LONDON TRIATHLON

The London Triathlon is broken into several starting waves, according to age, sex, standard and distance. An Olympic distance triathlon, the most popular, lasts anything between 1hr 45min and four hours. The Olympic distance is 1,500 metres swim, 40 kilometres ride, 10 kilometres run. The sprint distance is 500 metres swim, 13 kilometres ride, seven kilometres run. In the relay, teams of three compete over the Olympic distance, one swimming, one cycling, one running.





Water sports: the rigorous training regime includes plenty of early-morning swims

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This article uses a technique I tried briefly a few months ago. For a card-play problem that concerns one player, the hands he can see are in normal text, and the concealed hands are in shaded boxes. Today the question revolves round the declarer's play – hence the East-West hands are shaded. Using a poor man's Magic Eye technique, try not to look at the East-West hands until the end. I hope it will be easier than the old advice to cover the unseen hands with your thumbs.

This hand is from the round of 16 of the 1998 Vanderbilt, the knockout teams event at the US Spring Nationals. Geir Helgemo, the 1996 World Individual Champion, was West. He was defending Six Diamonds after South had shown a strong hand with hearts and diamonds; he led a trump. See if you could have thwarted Helgemo's defence.

Dealer South **East-West Game** **IMPs**

	♠ Q 10 8 ♡ 10 2 ◇ A Q 8 5 ♣ K J 9 4	
♠ K 5 ♡ Q 9 ◇ 10 6 2 ♣ A 10 8 5 3 2	N W E S	♠ J 9 7 6 4 ♡ 8 6 3 ◇ 9 7 ♣ Q 7 6
	♠ A 3 2 ♡ A K J 7 5 4 ◇ K J 4 3 ♣ –	

Contract: Six Diamonds by South. Lead: two of diamonds.

Declarer won the lead in hand, and played a low spade towards dummy; Helgemo played low, so declarer put in the ten. That lost to the jack, and back came a trump, both defenders following. It seems at this point that declarer cannot afford to ruff out the hearts – with a second spade loser he will not have enough tricks. So he drew trumps and took the heart finesse, going one down.

South had neglected the minor safety play of cashing the ace of spades before playing on hearts – just in case the king came down. With an extra trick in spades the correct line now is to establish the hearts by ruffing the third round in dummy. However, Helgemo had ducked his doubleton king of spades so smoothly that the declarer never considered this possibility.

Andrew Robson, Helgemo's team-mate, was declarer in Six Diamonds at the other table. After a trump lead he also led a spade at trick two, but the defender in the West seat hopped up with the king (Robson was going to insert the queen anyway since he would be so much better placed if that won the trick) and now declarer had the communications to play hearts from the top, since he had developed the extra spade trick. Thus the slam made easily.

□ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

OECUMENE
a. A lay monk
b. A rock plant
c. The world

PIVO
a. Beer
b. A Serbian magistrate
c. A metal bracket

RUGOSA
a. A rose
b. A rock formation
c. A Roman matriarch

SARON
a. A dragon king
b. A musical instrument
c. A short Polynesian kilt

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Anand wins

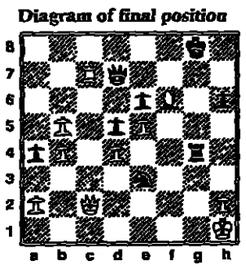
As if to establish his own credentials, at a time when Alexei Shirov and Vladimir Kramnik are playing for the right to challenge Garry Kasparov, the Indian grandmaster Viswanathan Anand has added yet another first prize to his already impressive series of tournament laurels. At the Madrid tournament which finished last week, Anand won by a decisive margin and lost no games. Britain's Michael Adams finished on 50 per cent.

White: Viswanathan Anand
Black: Michael Adams
Madrid 1998

Queen's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	e6
3	c4	b6
4	g3	Ba6
5	b3	Bb7
6	Bg2	Bb4+
7	Bd2	a5
8	0-0	0-0
9	Qc2	d6
10	Bg5	a4
11	Nc3	Bxc3
12	Qxc3	Nbd7
13	b4	h6
14	Bc1	b5
15	cxb5	Nb6
16	Ba3	Rc8
17	Nd2	Bxg2
18	Kxg2	Nfd5
19	Qd3	f5
20	Rac1	Qd7
21	e3	Rb8
22	f3	f4
23	gxf4	Rxd4
24	e4	Nf6
25	Kh1	Rf8
26	Rg1	Nh5
27	Rc6	Rh4
28	Bc1	Nf4
29	Qc2	Rf7
30	Nf1	d5
31	e5	Nc4
32	Ne3	Nh3
33	Rg3	Ng5
34	Ng4	Rxf3
35	Bxg5	Rxg3
36	Nf6+	gxf6
37	Bxh4	Rg4
38	Bxf6	Ne3
39	Rxc7	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



a b c d e f g h

Dutch match

In a match between Holland's two of Holland's leading grandmasters Loek van Wely defeated Jan Timman in a play-off after a 5-5 tie.

Kasparov on form

In a simultaneous exhibition played against the top four Israeli grandmasters, Garry Kasparov scored a decisive victory, winning the first match 3-1 and the second 4-0.

Madrid crosstable

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1 Anand	*	½	½	½	1	1	1	½	½	1	6½
2 Svidler	½	*	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	5½
3 Leko	½	½	*	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	5
4 San Segundo	½	½	½	*	0	½	½	1	1	½	5
5 Krasenkow	0	½	½	1	*	½	½	½	½	½	4½
6 Illescas	0	½	½	½	½	*	½	1	½	½	4½
7 Adams	0	½	½	½	½	½	*	½	½	1	4½
8 Yermolinsky	½	½	½	0	½	0	½	*	1	½	4
9 Beliavsky	½	0	0	0	½	½	½	0	*	1	3
10 Granda	0	0	½	½	½	½	0	½	0	*	2½

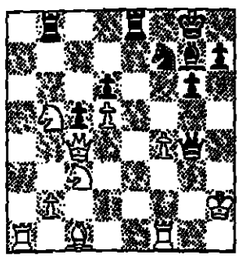
In the above table, 1 represents a win, ½ a draw and 0 a loss

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Rioseco — Vasquez, Chile, 1998.

Black has sacrificed a piece to make inroads into the white kingside. How did he now continue?



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CLUB CRICKET

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT LEAGUE: Barnt Green 158-9 Walsall 157-5; Coventry and North Warwicks 206-6 Smethwick 203-7; Kidderminster 180-9 West Bromwich Dartmouth 184-7; Moseley 193-5 Stratford 196-6; Stourbridge 284-2 Aston Unity 128, Wolverhampton 170-9 Old Hill 171-9.

FORT JAMES BOLTON LEAGUE: Westhoughton 281-5 dec Eagley 131; Farnworth 74 Egerton 75-1; Farnworth SC 151-8 dec Kearsley 121; Walkden 113 Greenmount 115-5; Little Lever 201-8 dec Heaton 205-4; Bradshaw 185-8 dec Horwich 118; Astley Bridge 82 Tonge 85-1.

CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Royton 138 Oldham 137-8; Rochdale 230-8 Stockport 155-5; Middleton 138 Norden 142-6; Warneth 188-9 Crompton 93. Unsworth 151 Radcliffe 144.

ADKIN CHERWELL LEAGUE: Aylesbury 173 Bicester and North Oxford 174-4; Banbury XX 191-6 Thame 149-8; Bourton Vale 116 Banbury 120-2; Rover Cowley 107 Oxford 109-1; Shipton-under-Wychwood 201-8 Leighton Buzzard 131.

MURRAY SMITH & CO CHESHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: Grappenhall 179-9 dec Hyde 161-8; Macclesfield 219-8 dec Didsbury 146-7; Broughton Hall 227-4 dec Marple 154; Cheadle Hulme 268-6 dec Nantwich 159; Neston 219-7 dec Brooklands 191-9; Bowdon 227-4 dec Oxton 143-7; Poynton 167 Birkenhead Park 151-8; Alsager 202-8 dec Sale 153-8; Stalybridge 184 Alderley Edge 167-1; Upton 254-7 dec Urmston 209-6; Warrington 159 Toft 163-3; Widnes 239-8 dec Heaton Mersey 156-7.

DEVON LEAGUE: Seaton 163-7 Barton 167-2; Budleigh Salterton 107 Buckfastly 109-2; Torquay 215-5 Exmouth 200; Bovey Tracy 232-4 Paignton 190-7; Sandford 228-5 Sidmouth 208-6; Tiverton Heathcote 114 Exeter 118-4.

VAUX DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE: Durham City 154 Chester-le-Street 157-9; Durham CA 197-5 Burnmoor 130-3, Boldon 172 Eppleton 176-2; Wearmouth 221-4 Gateshead Fell 106-2; Sunderland 165 Hordon 108; South Shields 173 Philadelphia 87-3; Felling 218-4 Whitburn 159-5

SHEPHERD NEAME ESSEX LEAGUE: Ilford 170-9 Billericay 172-6; Woodford Wells 189-8 Brentwood 140; Gidea Park and Romford 177 Chelmsford 81-7; Shenfield 209-3 Chingford 214-4; Rwes and Hermitians 142-1 Colchester and E Essex 140; Hadleigh and Thundersley 219-5 Saffron Walden 130; Loughton 217-1 Horndon-on-the-Hill 133, Hainault and Clayhall 131 Leigh-on-Sea 96, Orsett and Thurrock 201-7 Westcliff-on-Sea 203-5; Wickford 216-6 Wanstead 153-8.

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DRAKES HUDDERSFIELD LEAGUE: Thongsbridge 235-9 Linthwaite 215-9; Elland 227-8 Kirkburton 143-3; Broad Oak 211-7 Scholes 180-8; Kirkheaton 189-7 Meltham 137-8; Lascelles Hall 221-8 Shelmanthorpe 184-8; Marsden 161-2 Holmfirth 157-8; Hall Bower 165 Slaithwaite 168-4.

WOOLWICH KENT LEAGUE: Bickley Park 148 The Mote 79; Blackheath 210-5 Holmesdale 129-8, Dartford 161 Bromley 164-2; Bexley 225 Gravesend 190; Hayes 126 Gore Court 127-3; RACS 226-4 Chesfield 161-7; Sevenoaks Vine 230-6 Ashford 235-3; St Lawrance 222-7 Beckenham 121-8; Folkestone 228-6 Tunbridge Wells 229-7; Whitstable 194-7 Orpington 248-9.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY LEAGUE: Hampstead 173 Brentham 177-7; Enfield 129 Taddington 130-2; Shepherds Bush 196-8 dec Finchley 189-4; Ealing 109 Hornsey 86; Nth Middlesex 216-9 dec Stanmore 220-7; Brondesbury 229-5 dec Southgate 100-9; Sth Hampstead 199-8 dec Ealscote 156-6; Uxbridge 200 Richmond 126; Wembley 208-5 dec Winchmore Hill 198-8.

NORWICH UNION NORFOLK ALLIANCE: Swardeston 229-4 Fakenham 50, Dereham 177 Ingham 178-3; Cromer 212-7 Norwich Wanderers 133-9; Old Buckenham 237-4 Norwich Barleycorns 240-2; Vauxhall M 262-9 Horsford 154-7.

WILLIAM YOUNGER NORTH LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Vickers SC 211-5 Dalton 156-6; Furness 208-4 dec Askam 115; Haverigg 118-8 Penrith 119-4; Millom 178-9 Ulverston 143-3; Vickerstown 71-3 Carnforth 38; Workington 218-4 Lindal 186-6; Carlisle 142 Barrow 144-9; Whitehaven 161-8 Cleator 165-8.

NORTH STAFFS AND SOUTH CHESHIRE LEAGUE: Bignall End 159-9 Ashcombe Park 161-0, Stone 193-6 Betley 133-7, Caverswall 165-9 dec Elworth 175-9; Audley 201-2 dec Crewe 148-6; Longton 126 Leek 129-4, Little Stoke 175-8 dec Knypersley 109; Newcastle and H 130-8 dec Moddershall 132-2.

DARLINGTON BUILDING SOCIETY NORTH YORKS/SOUTH DURHAM LEAGUE: Blackhall 183-3 Bishop Auckland 184-5; Normanby Hall 184 Darlington 185-1; Guisborough 210-8 Middlesbrough 211-4, Hartlepool 231 Darlington RA 235-3; Norton 183 Marske 125-8; Stockton 199-6 Redcar 153-7; Saltburn 131 Northallerton 132-5.

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PRIORY NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY LEAGUE: County Club 204 Backworth 82; Blyth 269-4 Percy Main 204-7; South North 234-7 Ashington 23-; Morpeth 160 Tynedale 164-5; Tynemouth 158-7 Benwell Hill 120-3.

VAUX RIBBLESDALE LEAGUE: Blackburn Northern 142 Ribbledale 143-5; Great Harwood 191-9 Bowerden 142; Oswaldtwistle 165-9 Whalley 160-8; Padiham 160-9 Cherry Tree 168-7; Barnoldswick 184-7 Read 186-8; Clitheroe 231-8 Edenfield 199; Settle 224-2 Earby 227-5.

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MORRANT THAMES VALLEY LEAGUE: Amersham 190-9 OMT 191-7; Basingstoke 174 Slough 152-9; Kidmore End 79 Cove 93-3, Ickenham 249-4 Falkland 188-7, Harefield 198 Burnham 199-5; Hayes 219-5 Beaconsfield 207-7, Marlow 138 Tring Park 139-4; Hounslow 214 Wokingham 174

VAUX TYNESIDE SENIOR LEAGUE: Sacriston 239-5 Shotley Bridge 52-2, Greenside 168 Blaydon 169-5, Consett 122 Seaton Burn 96, Whickham 138 Annfield Plain 171; Ryton 150 Burnopfield 151-3, Swalwell 239-7 Lintz 140

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: York 188-9 Sheffield Coll 143; Doncaster 222 Sheffield Utd 184; Cleethorpes 182-9 Barnsley 188-3, Rotherham 225-8 Yorks Academy 118; Driffield 146-8 Harrogate 100; Scarborough 200-7 Castleford 127-7, Appleby Frodingham 207-9 Hull 114

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Philadelphia 7 Montreal 5 (10inns); Florida 3 Pittsburgh 1, Colorado 3 Cincinnati 2; New York Mets 3 Milwaukee 2; Atlanta 8 Chicago Cubs 2; San Diego 9 Houston 6, St Louis 4 San Francisco 3 (12inns); Los Angeles 5 Arizona 0. Saturday: Cincinnati 4 Colorado 1 (61/2inns); New York Mets 3 Milwaukee 0; Pittsburgh 10 Florida 4; Montreal 3 Philadelphia 2; Houston 4 San Diego 3, Chicago Cubs 10 Atlanta 6 (11inns); St Louis 11 San Francisco 10; Los Angeles 7 Arizona 1

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	35	14	.714	—
New York	25	20	.556	9
Philadelphia	22	24	.478	11½
Montreal	17	30	.362	17
Florida	16	33	.327	19
Central division				
Houston	30	18	.625	—
Chicago	26	20	.583	2
St Louis	25	22	.532	4½
Milwaukee	23	24	.489	6½
Pittsburgh	24	25	.490	6½
Cincinnati	23	26	.469	7½
West division				
San Diego	31	18	.633	—
San Francisco	27	22	.551	4
Los Angeles	24	24	.500	6½
Colorado	20	29	.408	11
Arizona	14	34	.292	16½

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Cleveland 9 Toronto 7; Boston 5 New York Yankees 4; Detroit 9 Chicago White Sox 5; Texas 13 Kansas City 10; Anaheim 10 Minnesota 3; Tampa Bay 5 Seattle 2; Oakland 9 Baltimore 5. Saturday: Toronto 7 Cleveland 2; New York Yankees 12 Boston 3; Chicago White Sox 7 Detroit 1; Texas 7 Kansas City 3; Baltimore 9 Oakland 1; Tampa Bay 6 Seattle 3; Minnesota 9 Anaheim 5.

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	32	10	.762	—
Boston	28	17	.630	5
Toronto	24	24	.500	11
Tampa Bay	22	25	.468	12½
Baltimore	21	27	.438	14
Central division				
Cleveland	27	20	.574	—
Minnesota	20	27	.426	7
Chicago	19	26	.422	7
Detroit	18	26	.409	7½
Kansas City	16	31	.340	11
West division				
Texas	31	16	.660	—
Anaheim	25	22	.532	6
Seattle	21	27	.438	10½
Oakland	20	27	.426	11

TENNIS

PARIS: French Open: Final qualifying: Men: C van Garsse (Bel) bt N Behr (Ger) 6-1, 6-1; J Boutter (Fr) bt R Stepanek (Cz) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; P Imaz (Sp) bt O Gross (Ger) 7-6, 7-5, B Karbacher (Ger) bt R Furlan (It) 7-6, 6-4; J van Lottum (Holl) bt I Bozic (Slovenia) 6-1, 6-3; M Sell (US) bt L Paes (India) 7-6, 6-4; M Martelli (It) bt V Santopadre (It) 6-4, 6-2; J Knippschild (Ger) bt J-P Fleurian (Fr) 6-2, 6-4; M Navarra (It) bt A Martin (Sp) 7-5, 6-7, 6-4; J Mas (Sp) bt R Sebau (Rom) 3-6, 7-5, 6-4; R Gilbert (Fr) bt C Caratti (It) 6-4, 6-1; M Safin (Russ) bt F Cabello (Sp) 6-3, 6-3; A Ille (Aus) bt S Stolle (Aus) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; W Schranz (Austria) bt T Suzuki (Japan) 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, M Zabaleta (Arg) bt Y El Aynaoui (Mor) 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, M Rodriguez (Arg) bt E Kempes (Holl) 7-6, 3-5, 6-4. Women: A Alcazar (Sp) bt A Olsza (Pol) 6-4, 5-7, 6-0; R Bobkova (Cz) bt C Martinez-Granados (Sp) 6-2, 6-0; L Horn (SA) bt K Cross (GB) 6-4, 6-2; E Callens (Bel) bt A Serra-Zanetti (It) 6-3, 5-7, 8-1; M Diaz-Oliva (Arg) bt M Weingartner (Ger) 6-2, 6-2; E Tatarkova (Ukr) bt M Shaughnessy (US) 6-4, 7-6, C Black (Zim) bt L Courtois (Bel) 6-1, 2-6, 6-3; E Bes (Sp) bt P Kamstra (Holl) 6-2, 6-3

DÜSSELDORF: World Team Cup: Blue Group: Germany 3 Spain 0 (Germany names first: T Haas bt S Bruguera 6-1, 6-4; N Kiefer bt C Moya 6-1, 6-4; B Becker and D Prinosil bt F Roig and T Carbonell 7-5, 6-3); Slovakia 2 France 1 (Slovakia names first: K Kucera bt C Proline 6-2, 6-2; D Hrbaty lost to F Santoro 3-6, 6-3, 7-6, D Hrbaty and Kucera bt O Delaitre and Santoro 7-5, 6-0) Final: Germany 2 Czech Republic 0 (Germany names first: T Haas bt S Dosedel 6-1; N Kiefer bt P Korda 7-5, 6-3)

ST POLTEN, Austria: Men's Grand Prix: Semi-finals: V Spadea (US) bt M Filippini (Uru) 6-3, 6-0; M Rios (Chile) bt A Gaudenzi (It) 6-4, 6-3 Final: Rios bt Spadea 6-2, 6-0.

MADRID: Villa de Madrid Open women's tournament: Final: P Schnyder (Switz) bt D van Roost (Bel) 3-6, 6-4, 6-0.

STRASBOURG: Strasbourg Open: Final: I Spirlea (Rom) bt J Hasterd-Decugis (Fr) 7-6, 6-3

NATIONAL CLUB LEAGUE: Men: Third round: St Georges Hill bt Winchester 6-0; Macintosh bt Ilkley 6-0, Frinton bt Connaught 5-1; David Lloyd Bushey bt West Bridgford 6-0; Edgbaston Priory bt Banbury Wast End 5-1; Royal Berkshire bt David Lloyd Raynes Park 5-1. Fourth round: Frinton bt Ilkley 6-0. Women: Third round: Gosling bt Connaught 3-3 (Gosling won by 50 games to 47); Winchester bt Caversham 3-3 (Winchester won by 7 sets to 6); Edgbaston Priory bt Newmarket 6-0; Harpenden bt Clearview 6-0; Cardiff bt Loughborough 4-2. Holcombe Brook bt Globe 6-0.



Chris Boardman, of the Gan team, wins the prologue of the Prutour race that began in Stirling on Saturday

GOLF

FORT WORTH, Texas: MasterCard Colonial: Leaders after three rounds (United States unless stated): 199: T Watson 68, 66, 65; J Furyk 66, 67, 66; H Frazar 64, 67, 68. 200: J Sluman 67, 67, 66 202: R Medate 67, 68, 67; K Perry 68, 65, 69. 203: B Lietzke 67, 69, 67; J Cook 68, 68, 69, M Calcavecchia 68, 65, 70. 204: S McCarron 70, 67, 67; D Duval 66, 70, 68; B Herringer 70, 66, 68; C Dennis 68, 68, 68 205: J Huston 70, 69, 66, K Triplett 69, 68, 68. 206: S Hoch 67, 73, 66; M Brisky 70, 70, 66; P Stewart 68, 72, 66; B Gelbarger 70, 69, 67, J Gallagher 69, 69, 68, S Appleby 68, 69, 69; D Frost (SA) 68, 69, 69; C Perry (Aus) 68, 69, 69; D Ogrin 71, 64, 71; D Martin 67, 69, 70; B Fabel 67, 68, 71; P Blackmar 66, 68, 72, S Flesch 68, 66, 72.

FIFE: St Andrews Links Trophy: Leaders after two rounds: 133: C Watson (East Renfrewshire) 70, 63 134: G Ogilvy (Aus) 71, 63. 135: D Patrick (Mortonhall) 71, 64, M Hilton (East Sussex National) 68, 67. 136: S Dyson (Sand Moor) 68, 70. 139: J Rose (North Herts) 72, 67; D de Vooght (Bel) 70, 69, O Hjartarson (Ice) 69, 80; M Foster (Bradford) 70, 69. 140: H MacDonald (Old Ranfurly) 69, 71, M Rose (Pitlochry) 73, 67, G Rankin (Palacerigg) 71, 69; S Horne (Tullialan) 70, 70, T Immelman (SA) 73, 67; M Pilkington (Pwhell) 70, 70; R Reid (SA) 72, 68

CORNING, New York: LPGA Corning Classic: Leaders after three rounds (United States unles stated): 203: T Green 67, 70, 66. 205: B Burton 68, 66, 71 207: H Alnadsson (Swe) 69, 70, 68 208: E Klein 71, 69, 68, N Harvey (Can) 72, 67, 69 209: M Lunn (Aus) 72, 70, 67; S Fionn 71, 70, 68; D Pepper 70, 68, 71; S Lowe (GB) 68, 69, 72. 210: J Moodie 73, 72, 65; G Graham (Can) 71, 71, 68; M Hporth 71, 71, 68; S Redman 69, 71, 70, R Jones 73, 66, 71; C Kerr 70, 69, 71. N Ramsbottom 70, 68, 72 211: M Hirase (Japan) 75, 67, 69; J Stephenson (Aus) 70, 72, 69; K Marshall (GB) 71, 67, 73, C Nilsmark (Swe) 70, 69, 73 213: S Strudwick (GB) 73, 70, 70 214: D Coe-Jones (Can) 71, 73, 70, L Walters (Can) 72, 70, 72

NORTH BERWICK: Scottish Women's amateur championship: Final: E Moffat (St Regulus) bt C Agnew (Eastwood) 4 and 3

RUGBY UNION

Allied Dunbar Premiership

Play-offs, second legs

Bristol 15 London Scottish 17

Bristol: Pens: Burke 5. London Scottish: Try: Shannon Pens: McAusland 3. Dropped goal: McAusland. Att: 4,500.

(London Scottish win 46-40 on aggregate)

London Irish 26 Rotherham 14

London Irish: Tries: Bishop, Hogan. Cons: Woods 2. Pens: Woods 4. Rotherham: Tries: Austin, Lax. Cons: Binns 2.

(London Irish win 42-27 on aggregate)

Sanyo Cup

World XV 41 Newcastle 47

World XV: Tries: Bernat-Salles 3, Pichot 2, Sella, Williams. Cons: Knox 3 Newcastle: Tries: Tait 2, Armstrong, Graham, Lam, Nasilele, Tuigamala. Cons: Andrew 4, Wilkinson 2. Att: 18,000.

(at Twickenham)

Under-21 international match

England 42 France 27

England Under-21: Tries: Sampson 2, Cockell, Mills, Sorrell, Yapp. Cons: Yapp 2, Fabien. Pens: Fabien, Yapp. France Under-21: Tries: Bosque, Laharrague, Mallet, Mignoni. Cons: Elisalde 2. Pen: Elisalde

(at Twickenham)

Swalec Cup

Final

Ebbw Vale 12 Llanelli 19

Ebbw Vale: Pens: Hayward 3. Dropped goal: Hayward. Llanelli: Try: Madden. Con: Wanlow Pens: Wanlow 4

(at Ashton Gate, Bristol)

Super 12 tournament

Semi-finals

Auckland 37 Otago 31

Auckland Blues: Tries: Cashmore 2, Vidiri, Stensness. Cons: Cashmore 4 Pens: Cashmore 3. Otago Highlanders: Tries: Randell, Wilson, Maka. Cons: Culhane, Brown. Pens: Culhane 3, Brown

(at Eden Park, Auckland)

Canterbury 36 Coastal Sharks 32

Canterbury Crusaders: Tries: Berryman 2, Gibson, Lilley Cons: Mehrtens 2 Pens: Mehrtens 4 Coastal Sharks: Tries: O le Roux 2, Payne, Terblanche, Putt. Cons: A Joubert 2. Pens: A Joubert.

(at Lancaster Park, Christchurch)

Pacific Rim championship

Hong Kong 31 Japan 38

(in Hong Kong)

Canada 17 United States 15

(in Vancouver)

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Bn	Pts
Hong Kong	3	2	1	0	97	80	2	10
Canada	3	2	1	0	64	60	1	9
Japan	3	1	2	0	87	99	2	6
United States	3	1	2	0	78	77	2	6

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

CRICKET

Axa League
2 0, 40 overs
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Lancashire
GLOUCESTER: Gloucestershire v Yorkshire
CANTERBURY: Kent v Durham
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Hampshire
UXBRIDGE: Middlesex v Worcestershire
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Glamorgan
TAUNTON: Somerset v Surrey
HORSHAM: Sussex v Derbyshire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire

AON TROPHY (one day): Duffield CC: Derbyshire v Lancashire. Worcester: Worcestershire v Somerset.

FOOTBALL

Nationwide League
First division play-off final
Charlton v Sunderland
(at Wembley, 3.0).....

RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB Super League
Hull v Warrington (7.45).....
NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Second division: London Students v Ovenden (4 0).

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: PGA Championship (at Wentworth)
MOTOR RACING: British touring car championship (at Oulton Park).
SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Coventry v Swindon (7.30). Wolverhampton v Oxford (7.30) Premier League: Isle of Wight v Edinburgh (7.0). Peterborough v Sheffield (6.30) Premier League Cup: Exeter v Arena Essex (11.0); Reading v Newport (11.0); Stoke v Glasgow (12.0)

TOMORROW

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Fiji v Scotland (in Suva, 5.30am)

WEDNESDAY

CRICKET

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP (one day): Quarter-finals: The Oval: Surrey v Lancashire. Leicester: Leicestershire v Kent. Headingley: Yorkshire v Durham. Lord's: Middlesex v Essex
TOUR MATCH (one day): Stone: Minor Counties v South Africans.

FOOTBALL

KING HASSAN II INTERNATIONAL CUP: England v Morocco (in Casablanca, 5.30)

OTHER SPORT

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Poole v King's Lynn (7.30) Premier League: Hull v Newport (7.30).

THURSDAY

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Ipswich v Oxford (7.30): Swindon v Coventry (7.30) Premier League Cup: Sheffield v Stoke (7.45)

FRIDAY

CRICKET

VODAFONE CHALLENGE SERIES (four days). Bristol: Gloucestershire v South Africans.
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (four days): Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Leicestershire. Lord's: Middlesex v Glamorgan. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Durham. The Oval: Surrey v Kent. Worcester: Worcestershire v Sussex.
UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days). The Parks: Oxford University v Yorkshire.

FOOTBALL

KING HASSAN II INTERNATIONAL CUP: Belgium v England (in Casablanca, 6 30).

RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford Bulls v London Broncos (7.45).
WHITE ROSE CHAMPIONSHIP: Bramley v York (7 45)

OTHER SPORT

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Bella Vue v Swindon (7.30). Oxford v Wolverhampton (7.45). Premier League Cup: Arena Essex v Isle of Wight (8.0); Edinburgh v Glasgow (7.30)

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: United States v Scotland (at RFK Stadium, Washington, 6 45)

RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB SUPER LEAGUE: Sheffield Eagles v Halifax Blue Sox (3 15)

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Boland v Ireland XV (in Wellington, 2.15), Victoria v Scotland XV (in Melbourne, 8am)

OTHER SPORT

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Coventry v Ipswich (7 30): Eastbourne v Poole (7 30) Premier League Cup: Berwick v Stoke (7 0)
TABLE TENNIS: Grand Prix finals (in Bath)

SUNDAY

CRICKET

AXA LEAGUE (one day): Ilford: Essex v Northamptonshire. Taunton: Somerset v Warwickshire.

FOOTBALL

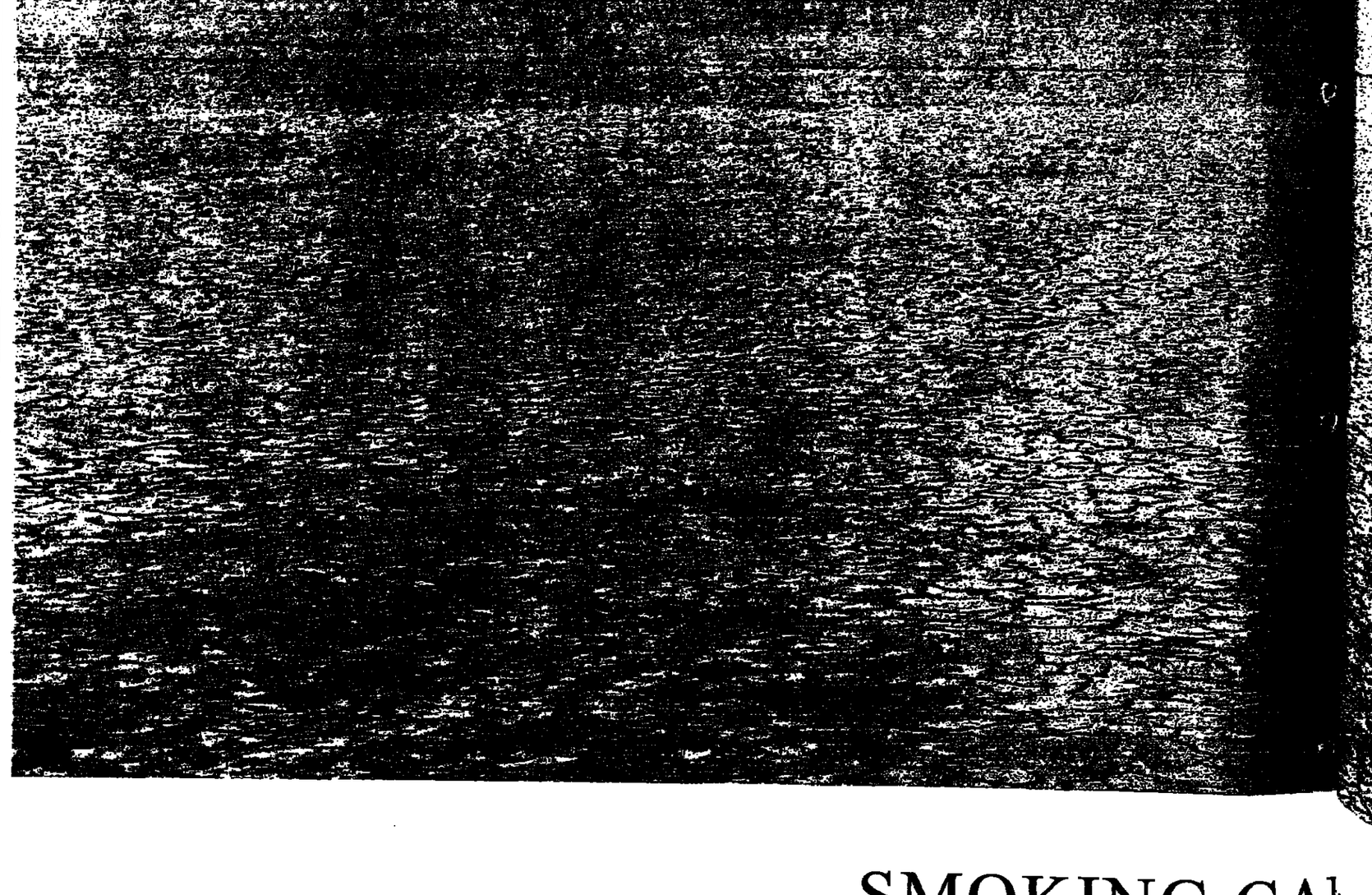
WOMEN'S WORLD CUP: Qualifying match: Scotland v Lithuania (at Scotsloun Leisure Centre, Glasgow, 2.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB SUPER LEAGUE: Huddersfield Giants v Warrington Wolves (3.30); Hull Sharks v Wigan Warriors (3.15); Salford Reds v Castleford Tigers (3 0); St Helens v Leeds Rhinos (6.35). First division: Featherstone Rovers v Hunslet Hawks (3 30); Keighley Cougars v Whitehaven Warriors (3 0); Leigh Centurions v Dewsbury Rams (3.0); Rochdale Hornets v Hull Kingston Rovers (3 0); Swinton Lions v Wakefield Trinity (3 0).
WHITE ROSE CHAMPIONSHIP: Batley Bulldogs v Doncaster Dragons (3 15). Red Rose Championship: Lancashire Lynx v Oldham (at Preston Grasshoppers RU, 3.0); Workington Town v Barrow Border Raiders (3 0)

OTHER SPORT

TABLE TENNIS: Grand Prix finals (in Bath).



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DOUG MARKE



Debbie Flood shows her delight at winning the girls' single sculls rowing title yesterday in Nottingham

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NFL EUROPE. Rhein Fire 12 England Monarchs 7

ATHLETICS

KIRKBY LONSDALE, Lancashire: Hutton Roof Crags fell race (7M, 1,300ft): Men: 1, S Hawkins (Bingley) 44min 00secs 2, M Amor (Cumberland Fell Runners) 44.25; 3, M Whitfield (Bingley) 45.00; 4, G Hull (Leeds) 47.48; 5, C Roberts (Kendal) 47.58; 6, J Hornby (Spenborough) 49.23. Over-40: M Walsh (Kendal, 10th) 49.56. Over-50: P Norman (Wrexham) no time available. Over-60: D Brown (Clayton-le-Moors) no time available. Team: Bingley 26pts. Women: 1, C Greenwood (Bingley, 43rd) 53.22; 2, L Thompson (Keswick, W40) 57.56; 3, L Ball (Valley Striders) no time available

WELSH FELL RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIPS (race 1 of 6, at Langtorse, near Brecon) Langtorse Loop fell race. Men (5.5M, 1900ft): 1, C Donnelly (Eryri) 42min 03secs (course record); 2, J Hooper (Eryri) 42.32; 3, J McQueen (Eryri) 43.52; 4, J Baker (Eryri) 45.04; 5, S Robst (Eryri) 45.15; 6, A Woods (Eryri) 45.16. Over-45: H Richards (Mynydd de Cymru) 48.16. Over-50: D Whiteside-Thomas (Eryri) 48.55. Over-60: P Norman (Wrexham) 53.00. Women: 1, A Nixon (Mynydd de Cymru, W40) 50.08 (course record); 2, V Musgrave (Eryri W40) 57.39; 3, F Williams (Cardiff, W40) 59.27

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Sydney 17.15 (117) bt Hawthorn 11.14 (80); Adelaide 14.14 (98) bt Brisbane 6.14 (50); Essendon 18.14 (122) bt Melbourne 12.12 (84); West Coast 9.11 (65) bt Geelong 5.14 (44); Western Bulldogs 13.10 (88) bt Richmond 11.9 (75); Port Adelaide 11.14 (80) bt Collingwood 9.9 (63); North Melbourne 17.13 (115) bt Carlton 10.14 (74); Fremantle 14.21 (105) bt St Kilda 13.12 (90).

BADMINTON

HONG KONG: Men's Thomas Cup: Final: Malaysia 1 Indonesia 2. Women's Uber Cup: Final: China 4 Indonesia 1.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Semi-final play-offs: Western Conference: Los Angeles Lakers 98 Utah 109 (Utah leads best-of-seven series 3-0). Eastern Conference: Indiana 107 Chicago 105 (Chicago leads series 2-1).

BOXING

BETHNAL GREEN, York Hall: World Boxing Union lightweight championship: C Dunne (Holloway, holder) bt E Clotey (Ghana) pts. Commonwealth super-bantamweight championship: M Broxe (Manchester, holder) bt S Ramon (SA) pts. Heavyweight (4rnds): M Potter (Walthamstow) bt S Wotlas (Epworth) pts. Middleweight (8rnds): H Eastman (Battersea) bt D Ashton (Stoke) rsc 4th. Welterweight (6rnds): G Eastman (Battersea) bt S O'Noi (Sunderland) rsc 1st. Lightweight (4rnds): R McCord (Swansea) bt S Chind (Wellingborough) rsc 1st. (6rnds): J Clotey (Ghana) bt D Berry (Derby) rsc 3rd. Lightweight (4rnds): G Earl (Luton) bt D Kirk (Ashfield) pts. Super-featherweight (6rnds): D Burke (Liverpool) bt M Devaney (Paisley) pts. (6rnds): P Ndou (SA) bt B Dibateza (Leicester) rsc 4th

MINSK: European amateur championship: Finals: 48kg: S Kazakov (Russ) bt I Stepovich (Ukr) 4-0. 51kg: V Sidorenko (Ukr) bt I Razapov (Russ) 5-0. 54kg: S Danilchenko (Ukr) bt M Alexandru (Rom) 12-3. 57kg: R Palani (Tur) bt A Simonian (Arm) 7-1

EQUESTRIANISM

WINDSOR International Horse Trials: First section: 1, Barbu's Star (C Szor, GB) 48.0; 2, King Leo (A Nicholson, NZ) 49.4; 3, Streatwell IV (S James,GB) 50.2. Master-piece Section: 1, The Tonka Toy (P Clark, GB) 50.2; 2, Blau Mezzo (L Fredericks, GB) 55.10; 3, Mulachy Stono (N Roncoroni, GB) 56.6. British junior championship: 1, Another Windjammer (V Bertrand) 52.0; 2, Weston Mistake (E Chandler) 53.8; 3, The Flying Dutchman (L McDonald) 55.8

FOOTBALL

International matches

ENGLAND 63,733 (0) 0 SAUDI ARABIA (0) 0
(at Wembley)

IRELAND 28,500 (0) 0 MEXICO (0) 0
(at Lansdowne Road)

COLOMBIA Valderrama 22 (pen) Rincon 79 56,404 (1) 2 SCOTLAND Collins 25 Burley 33 (2) 2
(in New York)

OTHER MATCHES: Japan 0 Czech Republic 0 (in Tokyo). Internazionale 1 Iran 4 (in Milan). Morocco 1 Montpellier 3 (in Irbane)

Under-21 International

ITALY (0) 4 SCOTLAND (0) 0
Longo 56
Ventola 64
Bellucci 71
Firmani 78

Nationwide League

Second division play-offs final

GRIMSBY Dongvan 19 (1) 1 NORTHAMPTN 52,958 (0) 0
(at Wembley)

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 FINALS: Group A: Greece 1 Germany 0, Holland 2 Romania 1 (both in Bucharest)

TOULON UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT: Final: France 0 Argentina 2. Third-place play-off: China 0 Portugal 2

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP: Qualifying matches: Scotland 1 Czech Republic 1, Wales 3 Belarus 2

Friday's late results

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Third division play-off final: Torquay 0 Colchester 1 (at Wembley)

UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT: Ireland 0 Northern Ireland 1 (in Dublin)

HOCKEY

UTRECHT: World Cup: Men: Pool A: Germany 3 New Zealand 0, Canada 1 South Korea 1, Holland 5 India 0, Germany 5 Holland 1; South Korea 4 India 3. Pool B: Pakistan 7 England 5, Malaysia 1 Poland 1, Australia 2 Spain 2. Women: Pool A: Germany 3 China 1, Scotland 3 South Africa 2, Australia 6 United States 1. Pool B: New Zealand 2 India 1, England 2 Argentina 4, Holland 1 South Korea 0

MEN'S REGIONAL UNDER 21 TOURNAMENT (at Milton Keynes): East: 2 South 4, West 3 North 1, Midlands 4 East 1, South 7 North 1, Midlands 2 West 4, North 3 East 7, South 3 Midlands: 1, East 3 West 2, North 6 Midlands 2, West 3 South 2. Final positions: 1, South 9, 2, West 9, 3, East 6

WOMENS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (at Abingdon): Herefords 0 Lancs 7; Suffolk 3 Surrey 4; Cheshire 3 Derbys 2, Dorset 5 Middx 2, Lancs 2 Surrey 2, Herefords 1 Suffolk 17, Derbys 3 Middx 2, Cheshire 1 Dorset 4, Surrey 2 Herefords 0, Suffolk 5 Lancs 2, Middx 2 Cheshire 4, Dorset 4 Derbys 2. Final: Dorset 0 Surrey 0 (Dorset win 3-0 on pens)

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Eastern Conference: Buffalo 2 Washington 0 (Buffalo leads best-of-seven series 1-0).

MOTORCYCLING

ALBACETE, Spain: World superbike championship (20 laps, 70.76 km): First race: 1, P Chili (It, Ducati) 34min 32.554sec; 2, T Corser (Aus, Ducati) 34.33.870; 3, G Lavilla (Sp, Ducati) 34.36.363; 4, A Sugir (NZ, Honda) 34.43.204; 5, C Edwards (US, Honda) 34.44.532; 6, S Russell (US, Yamaha) 34.44.666; 7, N Hodgson (GB, Kawasaki) 34.45.448; 8, A Gramigni (It, Ducati) 35.08.756; 9, C Fogarty (GB, Ducati) 35.19.359; 10, N Haga (Japan, Yamaha) 35.23.723. Second race: 1, Fogarty 31.09.535; 2, Sight 31.15.567; 3, Corser 31.18.342; 4, Haga 31.24.892; 5, Chili 31.25.697; 6, P Bontempi (It, Kawasaki) 31.30.191; 7, A Yanagawa (Japan, Kawasaki) 31.30.279; 8, P Goddard (Aus, Suzuki) 31.39.212; 9, Russell 31.40.525; 10, J Whitham (GB, Suzuki) 32.09.592. Leading championship positions: 1, Corser 135pts; 2 Fogarty 129; 3, Haga 123; 4, Sight 106; 5, Chili 103; 6, Edwards 98; 7, Yanagawa 55; 8, Goddard 53; 9, Whitham 50; 10, Hodgson 45

MOTOR RACING

MADISON, Illinois: Indycar Grand Prix: 1, A Zanardi (It, Reynard-Honda) 2hrs 23min 2.140sec; 2, M Andretti (US, Swift-Ford) at 0.573sec; 3, G Moore (Can, Reynard-Honda) 236, 4, J Vasser (US, Reynard-Mercedes) 236, 4, J Vasser (US, Reynard-Honda) 236, 5, S Pruett (US, Reynard-Ford) 236, 6, G de Ferran (Br, Reynard-Honda) 236

MOTOR RALLYING

BUENOS AIRES: Argentine Rally: Final positions (400.62km): 1, T Makinen (Fin/Mitsubishi Lancer) 4hr 22mm 7.4sec; 2, C Sainz (Sp/Toyota Corolla) at 26.8sec; 3, J Kankkunen (Fin/Ford Escort) 27.5; 4, R Burns (GB/Subaru Impreza) 1.17.6; 5, P McRae (GB/Subaru Impreza) 5.07.5; 6, F Liatti (It/Subaru Impreza) 5.07.5; 7, K Holowczyc (Pol/Subaru Impreza) 11.38.6; 8, M Galanti (Par/Toyota Corolla) 22.16.1; 9, G Trelles (Urug/Mitsubishi Lancer) 24.44.7; 10, O Gomez (Sp/Seat Ibiza) 25.41.1

ORIENTEERING

KILLARNEY, Ireland: World Cup (11.7km/515m climb): 1, B Valstad (Nor) 75min 02sec; 2, V Novotov (Russ) 78.14; 3, S Hale (GB) 81.01. Other British: 21, J Stevenson (S Yorks) 86.54; 32, J Musgrave (Mer) 89.35. Women (7.9km/305m climb): 1, H Staff (Nor) 61.25; 2, J Askloff (Fin) 62.29; 3, Y Hague (GB) 63.41. Other British: 24, H Munro (Warnor) 73.42; 29, L Eades (Inverleppert) 74.33; 32, K Buckley (Derwent Valley) 78.03

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: English Twenty Club championship: Association Prize (Queen's): 1, P Kent (Surrey) 105.17; 2, S Bolmer (Essex) 105.13; 3, J Weeden (Kent) 105.12

BISLEY: NRA Channel Islands Tour: President's Prize: 1, D Lloyd (NRA) 100.16; 2, Ms L Johnson (NRA) 100.15; 3, Miss A Pigrim (NRA) 100.15. The Guernsey Cup (500 & 600 yds): 1, P Barry (NRA) 99.15; 2, R Coverly (NRA) 99.14; 3, Ramsey 99.14

SAILING

WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE: Final leg (at 14.00GMT, Le Rochelle France, to Southampton): 1, Merit Cup (Monaco) 1day 23hrs 56min 6sec; 2, EF Language (Swe) 1.23.11.37; 3, Innovation Kvaerner (Nor) 1.23.21.22; 4, Silk Cut (GB) 1.23.31.41; 5, Swedish Match (Swe) 1.23.51.18; 6, Toshiba (US) 1.23.56.27; 7, Brunetsunergy (Holl) 1.23.57.35. Still to finish: 8, Chessie Racing (US) 3.8; 9, EF Education (Swe) 13

BANDOL: 49er world championships: Final overall positions: 1, C Nicholson and D Phillips (Aus) 23pts; 2, I and A Budgen (GB) 31; 3, M Larson and K Hall (US) 41; 4, P Brotherton and D McNamara 66; 5, P Brotherton and D McNamara 86; 6, 13 P Brotherton and D McNamara 86; 7, 22 R and P Greenhall 135; 25, I Barker and T Hancock 145

HOLLAND: RORC North Sea race: CHS1: Lindewood, M Kay and W M Taylor-Jones; CHS2: Shoot the Bar, C Mills. CHS3: 1, Corbulo, R Cruz. CHS4: 1, Belleropron of Mersea, R Aspinall. CHS overall: Corbulo. IMS A: Ruby Seapori, M Ymulden. IMS B: Colors, F Suyters. IMS C: Tweegezusters. IMS overall: Tweegezusters

SCHOOLS SPORT

CRICKET: * Bradfield 192-7 dec St Edward's, Oxford 193-6. MCC 230-7 (A J T Haigh 104) * Eastbourne 231-2. * Perse 128-6 dec Royal Hospital 85-7, Reeds 181-1 (M Klinke 104 not out) * King Edwards, Witley 94-4, St Lawrence 155-8 dec * Dover Col 119-8. * Clifton 212-5dec O Cothorneys 160; Christ's Hospital, Sussex 248-2dec (F Thomas 115) * St Edmund's, Ware 103. * Durham 242-4dec Hymers 209; O Bishamgate 241-5dec * Bedford Modern 214; Reigate GS 224-8dec * Colchester RGS 206-9; * RGS Guildford 235-8 John Fisher 70; * St John's, Leatherhead 259-7dec Whitgift 179-5; St Pauls 194 (A Duncan 111no) * KCS 179; Sussex Martlets 154 * Hurstpierpoint 157-5; Trinity, Croydon 200-8dec * Hampton 203-7; Wilson's 178 * Dulwich 179-8. * denotes home team

ROWING: National Schools Regatta: Championship events: Boys: Eights: 1, Eton 6min 08sec; 2, Abingdon 6.13.02; 3, Radley 6.13.89. Quad Sculls: 1, Wycliffe 6min 30sec; 2, Windsor Boys 6.35.04; 3, Kings Wimbledon 6.35.06. Girls: Eights: 1, Lady Eleanor Holles 7min 05sec; 2, Kingston Grammar 7.18; 3, Canford 7.22. Double Sculls: 1, Headington 7min 38sec; 2, St Joseph Dunlines 8.22; 3, Queen Elizabeth HS 8.24. Sculls: 1, D Rooc (Tideway Scullers) 8min 10sec; 2, F Romero (Kingston) 8.18. Other events: Men: Eights: 1, Pangbourne 6min 20sec; 2, Radley 6.29; 3 Eton 6.39. Junior 18: Radley 6min 30. Junior 15: Radley 6.38. Coxed Fours: School: Bedford Modern 7.14. Junior 16: Latymer 7.19. Junior 15: Bedford 7.30. Quad Sculls: Junior 16: Tiffin 6.52. Double Sculls: Junior 15: Henley 7.45. Sculls: Junior 16: P Wells (Queen Elizabeth HS) 7.51. Women: Eights: Junior 18: Gloucester 7.33. Coxed Fours: George Heriots 8.01. Double Sculls: Junior 16: Wycliffe 8.12; Junior 15: Headington 8.10

SNOOKER

IRTHLINGBOROUGH: Dr Martens Premier League: Semi-finals: K Doherty (Ire) bt S Handby (Scot) 6-5, J White (Eng) bt J Higgins (Scot) 6-4. Final: Doherty leads White 7-2

SPEEDWAY

GOLDEN HELMET MATCH RACE CHAMPIONSHIP: C Louis (Ipswich) bt G Havelock (Eastbourne).

ELITE LEAGUE: Belle Vue 46 Coventry 44, Oxford 38 Poole 51, Eastbourne 42 Ipswich 48, Coventry 43 Belle Vue 46

PREMIER LEAGUE: Edinburgh 54 Isle of Wight 36, Stoke 47 Isle of Wight 43.

PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Arena Essex 47 Exeter 42; Berwick 47 Newcastle 43

HONDA CHALLENGE: Peterborough 44 Hull 46

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Sixth stage (Maddaloni-Lake Laceno, 156km): 1, A Zülle (Switz) 4hr 21mn 43sec; 2, M Bartoli (It) at 24sec; 3, L Leblanc (Fr); 4, M Pantani (It) both at same time, 5, D Rebellin (It) 34, 6, W Bessi (It); 7, N Micali (It); 8, G Guerini (It); 9, E Zaina (It); 10, D Frigo (It) all at same time. Seventh stage (Montella-Mazara, 235km): 1, M Cipollini (It) 6hr 30min 00sec; 2, F Baldato (It); 3, A Edo (Sp); 4, G Magnusson (Swe); 5, Bartoli, 6, E Leoni (It); 7, E Cassani (It); 8, S Smetanin (Russ); 9, A Kivilev (Kaz), 10, M Piccoli (It) all same time. Eighth stage (Matera to Lecce, 191km): 1, Cipollini 5hr 8min 47sec; 2, S Marinello (It), 3, Leoni; 4, F Arazzi (It), 5, A Petacchi (It); 6, M Strazzer (It); 7, N Loda (It), 8, Edo, 9, F Colonna (It), 10, M Zanotti (It) all same time. Leading overall positions: 1, A Zülle (Switz) 34hr 33min 12sec; 2, Bartoli at 11sec, 3, L Leblanc (Fr) 50, 4, P Tonkov (Russ) 56, 5, P Sevoldelli (It) 57; 6, M Pantani (It) at 1mn 02sec; 7, N Micali (It) 1.03, 8, D Frigo (It) 1.04, 9, I Gotti (It) same time; 10, E Zaina (It) 1.08

PRUTOUR: Prologue (Stirling time-trial, 2.6 miles): 1, C Boardman (Gan) 6min 08.68sec; 2, G Hincapie (US Postal Service) 6:10.38; 3, D Baranowski (US Postal Service) 6:13.80; 4, M Illingworth (Brita Volvo) 6:14.96; 5, S O'Grady (Gan) 6:19.83, 6, L Lefevre (Festina) 6:20.13. First stage (Edinburgh to Newcastle, 138 miles): 1, Boardman 5:06:26; 2, A Korff (Festina) at 1sec; 3, O'Grady; 4, Hincapie; 5, Lefevre all same time; 6, C Decruz (Bigmat Auber 93) at 3sec. Leading overall positions: 1, Boardmen 5:12:24; 2, Hincapie at 0:09; 3, O'Grady at 0:10; 4, Lefevre at 0:22; 5, D Baranowski (US Postal Service) at 0:25; 6, Korff (Festina) at 0:30

MIDI-LIBRE GRAND PRIX (Nimes to Mende, 180km): Final stage: 1, L Dufaux (Switz) 5hr 03min 21sec; 2, C Rinero (Fr) at 3; 3, V-H Pena (Col) 19; 4, G Bouvard (Fr) 22; 5, R Virenque (Fr) same time; 6, S Salmon (Fr) 25; 7, D Leproux (Fr) 28; 8, U Ampler (Ger) 31; 9, N Aebersold (Switz) 33; 10, E Berzin (Russ) 35. Final leading overall positions: 1, Dufaux 19hr 46min 05sec; 2, Rinero 32; 3, Virenque 1:57; 4, Salmon 1:59; 5, A González (Sp) same time.

OTHER ROAD RACES: Council Tour of the Kingdom (BCF Premier Calendar): First stage (Dunfermline-St Andrews, 83 miles): 1, J Bayfield (Harrods-Giant) 2hr 23min 21sec; 2, R Blayney (N Ire); 3, D McCall (N Ire) all same time. Second stage (St Andrews-Falkland, 36 miles): 1, M Pluckrose (BCF Lakes and Lancashire Division) 1:34:27; 2, D State (North Midlands Select); 3, M Anand (Southern Select) all same time. Third stage (Leven-Tayside-Leven, 93 miles): 1, I Gilkes (Team Ambrosia) 3:24:38; 2, J Bayfield at 13sec; 3, D Fox (West Yorkshire) same time. Final overall: 1, Gilkes 7:22:18; 2, Bayfield at 3sec; 3, State at 11sec. Team: Southern Select 22:08:11. Eastern Counties CA (BCF Raynolds women's national series, Leyer-de-la-Haye, Essex, 55 miles): 1, L Jones (Team Ambrosia) 2:27:03; 2, S Boyden (Clarke Contracts RT); 3, A Hunter (Team Ambrosia) all same time. VC Sansochi (Baccies, Suffolk, 68 miles): 1, C Brocking (Cambridge CC) 2.34.06; 2, R Perkins (Elmy Cycles); 3, S Gaywood (Terry Wright Cycles) all same time. APL Classic (Birkenhead Park, 64 miles): 1, M Bell (Northern Folds) 2:34.50; 2, D Hitchen (New Brighton CC) at 41sec; 3, G Weir (New Brighton CC) same time

TIME TRIALS: British Universities SA 50-mile championship (Attleborough, Norfolk): 1, D Alexander (Cambridge) 1.51.44; 10th: 1, C Percival (Cambridge) 1.51.50; 3, R Lemanski (Cambridge) 1.54.38. Team: Cambridge 5.38.13. CC Breckland open event: 1, M Pyne (Leo RC) 1.53.12; 2, A Jardine (Ipswich BC) 1.57.56; 3, R Richardson (Hounslow and District Wheelers) 1.57.58. Team: CC Breckland 6.11.35. Holme Valley Wheelers (Dishforth, North Yorkshire, 50 miles): 1, P Smith (Border City Wheelers) 1.45.11; 2, I Cammish (Velo Vienzo) 1.45.39; 3, K Murray (Army TT) 1.48.20. Team: JE James RT (fastest third rider) 1.58.43. San Fairy Ann CC (Ashford, Kent, 50 miles): 1, A Archer (GS Invicta) 1.52.18; 2, T Bayley (VC Deal) 1.53.00; 3, N Baker (VC Deal) 1.56.39. Team: VC Deal 5.50.22. Norwood Paragon (Crawley, Sussex, 50 miles): 1, S Ems (East Grinstead CC) 1.59.33; 2, J Gresty (Norwood Paragon) 1.57.09; 3, L Grayson (Eastbourne Rovers) 1.58.37. Team: Norwood Paragon 6.00.18. Northumberland and Durham CA (Seaton Burn, 50 miles): 1, J Waugh (Guru) 1.54.38; 2, M Gibson (Houghton CC) 1.57.28; 3, K Tonge (Cestria CC) 1.58.22. Team: Houghton CC (fastest third rider) 2.14.32. Horwich CC (Garstang, Lancashire, 50 miles): 1, J Howard (Merseyside Wheelers) 1.55.27; 2, K Turner (North Lancashire RC) 1.59.14; 3, D Parkinson (Cleveleys RC) 1.59.24. Team: Team Rapide 6.01.27. Holme Valley Wheelers (Dishforth, 25 miles): 1, H Walker (Guru) 51.45; 2, J Bunting (West Pennine RC) 53.21; 3, J Purdy (Lancashire RC) 53.23. Team: Scarborough Paragon (fastest third rider) 58.07. Derwent Valley CC (Bassenthwaite, Cumbria, 25 miles): 1, R Prebble (Team Clean) 52.01; 2, N Payton (Derwent Valley CC) 55.10; 3, P Walters (Kent Valley RC) 58.51. Team: Derwent Valley CC 2.54.30. Fareham Wheelers (Emsworth, Hampshire, 25 miles): 1, M Cox (Sotonia CC) 53.48; 2, C Birch (Alton CC) 54.29; 3, D Pollard (Lewes Wanderers) 55.48. Team: GS Stella 2.54.27. Essex CRA (Sawston, 25 miles): 1, K Platts (Coalville Wheelers) 54.20; 2, L Palmer (Leo RC) 54.35; 3, G Taylor (Leo RC) 54.59. Team: Leo RC 2.48.00. Mid Scotland CA (Blair Drummond, 25 miles): 1, C Rilos (Shetland Wheelers) 55.08; 2, H Jamieson (Inverclyde Velo) 55.53; 3, J Gilday (Central Scotland Wheelers) 56.01. Northern Ireland CF (Glenryford, 25 miles): 1, J Hunter (Ards CC) 55.19; 2, A Profitt (VC Deal) 55.37; 3, J Boone (South Derry Wheelers) 56.33. Lomond RCC (Loch Lomondside, 25 miles): 1, D Gibson (GS Modena) 57.01, J Goldie (GS Modena) 1.01.02. Team: Lomond RCC 3.04.53. Wick Wheelers (25 miles): 1, S Duff (Johnstone Wheelers) 58.37; 2, J Kellas (Angus CC) 1.07.10; 3, J Falconer (Caithness CC) 1.07.23. North Shropshire Wheelers (Pass, 19 miles): 1, A Silvester (Mid Shropshire Wheelers) 41.08; 2, D Birch (Stourbridge CC) 41.25; 3, N Pearl (Walsall RCC) 41.46. Team: Mid Shropshire Wheelers 2.14.58. Middlesex RC (Maidenhead Thicket, 10 miles): 1, R Prebble (Team Clean) 20.19; 2, D Redding (Team Clean) 21.14; 3, M Hutchinson (Cambridge University CC) 21.29. Team: Team Clean 1.06.49. Gainsborough Aegir CC (10 miles): 1, I Dalton (Cherry Valley RT) 20.40; 2, N Wales (JE James RT) 20.57; 3, J Rickards (Guru) 21.10. Team: Cherry Valley RT 1.04.38. Acme Wheelers (Neath Valley, 10 miles): 1, C Pritchard (Condor Cycles RT) 20.45; equal 2, C Roach (Ogmore Valley Wheelers) and J Pritchard (Condor Cycles) 21.05. VC Norwich (Bungay, 10 miles): 1, M Pyne (Leo RC) 20.56; 2, G Empson (Guru) 21.13; 3, D Warren (Shaftesbury CC) 21.29. Team: CC Breckland 1.05.25. East Liverpool Wheelers (10 miles): 1, S Hulme (Team Velocity) 21.34; 2, M Isherwood (Southport CC) 21.58; 3, P Hodgkinson (Team Lusso) 22.03. Coalville Wheelers (Grihydam, Leicestershire, 10 miles): 1, D Sweeney (Rockingham Forest Wheelers) 21.35; 2, A Long (Coalville Wheelers) 22.42; 3, I Lees (Melton Olympic) 22.47. Camel Valley CC (Treatlian, Cornwall, 10 miles): 1, A Ryder (St Budeaux CC) 21.51; 2, J Buttingham (Camel Valley CC) 22.06; 3, N Pollonghorne (St Budeaux CC) 22.09.

TRACK: Grand Prix of London sprint (BCF Sprinters' League, Herne Hill): 1, C Percival (Team Brita); 2, G Edwards (Team Brita); 3, M Benjamin (Holland). Juniors Six Nations match: 1, Denmark 32pts; 2, Russia 32; 3, Belgium 45.

MOUNTAIN BIKES: SAMS (Southern Area Series, second round, Nettlebed, Oxfordshire, 25 miles): 1, P Leesnby (Mercedes-Marin) 1.52.53; 2, I Cuthbertson (Raleigh) at 11sec; 3, R Seymour (Giant) at 1.56. Women (20 miles): A Wilde (Sensible Bike Co) 1.55.23.

RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB Super League

Saturday

Sheffield 23 Leeds 24

Sheffield Eagles: Tries: Carr, Pinkney, Senior, Sovatabua. Goals: Vassilakopoulos 3. Dropped goal: Vassilakopoulos. Leeds Rhinos: Tries: Sterling 2, Cummins, Holroyd. Goals: Harris 4. Att: 8,000.

Yesterday

Halifax 16 St Helens 10

Halifax Blue Sox: Tries: Moana, Tuilagi. Goals: Pearson 3, Chester. St Helens: Tries: Southorpe, Sullivan. Goal: Goulding. Att: 6,760.

London 21 Salford 12

London Broncos: Tries: Beasley, Chapman, D Higgins. Goals: Masterson 4. Dropped goal: Chapman. Salford Reds: Tries: Crompton, Martin. Goals: Crompton 2

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Wigan Warriors 46 Huddersfield Giants 0. Castleford Tigers 10 Bradford Bulls 52.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds	7	7	0	0	161	80	14
Wigan	7	6	0	1	210	60	12
Bradford	7	5	0	2	187	95	10
Halifax	7	5	0	2	154	125	10
St Helens	7	4	0	3	140	142	8
Salford	7	3	0	4	135	112	6
London	7	3	0	4	96	112	6
Sheffield	7	2	0	5	139	150	4
Hull	6	2	0	4	104	126	4
Warrington	6	2	0	4	94	155	4
Castleford	7	2	0	5	108	176	4
Huddersfield	7	0	0	7	80	258	0

First division

Dewsbury 40 Rochdale 4

Dewsbury Rams: Tries: P Delaney, Eaton, Long, O'Donnell, Spink, Williamson. Goals: Eaton 8. Rochdale Hornets: Try: Bunce. Att: 813

Hunslet 18 Swinton 20

Hunslet Hawks: Tries: North, Pryce, Wilson. Goals: Ellis 2. Swinton Lions: Tries: Adams, Cannon, Craig, Price-Jones. Goals: Watson 2. Att: 1,752.

Leigh 18 Keighley 30

Leigh Centurions: Tries: Arkwright, Bowker, Murray, D Purtill. Goal: Wingfield. Keighley Cougars: Tries: Lardier, McDonald, Ramshaw, Robinson, Summerill. Goals: Lee 5. Att: 1,417.

Whitehaven 16 Wakefield 30

Whitehaven Warriors: Tries: Kiddie 2. Goals: Hetherington 3, Bretherton. Wakefield Trinity: Tries: Kenworthy 2, S Hicks, Horsley, A Hughes, Wray. Goals: Casey 3. Att: 1,324.

Widnes 32 Featherstone 32

Widnes Vikings: Tries: Salisbury 2, Manihera, Percival, P Smith, Wilson. Goals: Hewitt 4. Featherstone Rovers: Tries: Kimmell 2, Chapman, Collins, Fallins, Hall. Goals: Fallins 4. Att: 2,272.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wakefield	14	12	1	1	375	211	25
Hunslet	14	9	1	4	379	242	19
Hull KR	14	9	0	5	309	211	18
Whitehaven	15	9	0	6	367	321	18
Dewsbury	14	7	2	5	343	232	16
Swinton	14	8	0	6	322	246	16
Featherstone	15	6	1	8	359	362	13
Keighley	15	6	0	9	285	382	12
Widnes	15	5	1	9	312	370	11
Leigh	15	4	0	11	269	518	8
Rochdale	15	2	0	13	234	479	4

Second division

Barrow 16 Bramley 12

Barrow Border Raiders: Tries: Carter, Hutton, McKelleher. Goals: Marwood 2. Bramley: Tries: Potter, Poynter. Goals: K Smith 2. Att: 973

Batley 16 Lancashire Lynx 17

Batley Bulldogs: Tries: Bamen, Myers. Price Goals: Price 2. Lancashire Lynx: Tries: Ashcroft, P Jones. Goals: P Jones 3. Dropped goals: Rusne 3. Att: 501.

Doncaster 18 Workington 18

Doncaster Dragons: Tries: Limb, Morgan, Pell. Goals: Cressaer 2. Dropped goals: Edwards 2. Workington Town: Tries: Hanare, Keenan, Mail, Williams. Goal: Richardson. Att: 468.

York 27 Oldham 6

York: Tries: Benn 2, Sini, Tichener. Goals: Benn 5. Dropped goal: Strange. Oldham: Try: Meade. Goal: Wilkinson. Att: 1,482.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York	7	5	0	2	154	84	10
Bramley	8	5	0	3	157	132	10
Lancashire L	8	4	1	1	148	87	9
Barrow	7	4	1	2	133	118	9
Oldham	7	4	0	3	139	139	8
Batley	7	2	0	5	154	150	4
Workington	7	1	1	5	105	180	3
Doncaster	7	1	1	5	95	195	3

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL LEAGUE: North Queensland 12 Parramatta 29; Gold Coast 16 St George 30; Adelaide 35 Penrith 18; Balmain 20 Western Suburbs 12; Auckland 25 Canberra 14; Melbourne 14 Illawarra 14; Manly 32 Cronulla 12; Brisbane 40 Canterbury 12; Newcastle 20 South Sydney 12; North Sydney 38 Sydney City 12

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RACING

Ferny Hill can scale new heights

SANDOWN PARK

CHANNEL 4

2.05: Volley was unlucky to lose a race in the stewards' room at Goodwood six days ago after coming from last to first in the straight. She deserves compensation but is invariably slowly away and may not be suited by this track and the step back in trip. Bold Tina is arguably best off at the weights and, after two promising efforts over a mile, will appreciate today's trip and ground, but will find it tough to beat the lightly raced **Confidante**. Her Thirsk success has been boosted by the subsequent handicap win of the well-beaten third and is well treated on her handicap debut.

2.35: In a race which has "upset" written all over it, **Ferny Hill** could spring a surprise. He showed improved form when runner-up to Yorkshire on his first run for Willie Muir at Newbury recently. He has plenty of pace, which is handy round this track, but should be suited by a first attempt at two miles. Double Trigger, Persian Punch and Samraan all have sound form claims, while Kayf Tara and Palio Sky are open to improvement.

3.10: Despite being beaten on his seasonal reappearance by Bollin Joanne at York, **Elnadim** recorded a career-best effort. John Dunlop's sprinter had suffered an interrupted preparation before that race, but should be spot on today and will be suited by this stiff five furlongs. Lochangel finished well adrift of Elnadim in the Diadem Stakes last year but has improved significantly since then, notably when winning in a fast time at Bath 15 days ago. She is a big danger.

3.45: The much-improved Refuse To Lose is the clear form choice judged on his second in the Thirsk Hunt Cup (and is even better treated on his all-weather form). However, with Party Romance and Strazo also liking to force the pace, this race could be set up for a hold-up horse such as **Jorrocks**, who won over seven furlongs here last year. He has run well on both starts this year and today's faster surface should suit his turn of foot.

RICHARD EVANS

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Captain Scott
(3.55 Redcar)

Captain Scott, a good third in the Thirsk Hunt Cup over a mile, has been crying out for a return to ten furlongs and, with the excellent Jimmy Fortune booked to ride, he can oblige.

Next best: Elnadim
(3.10 Sandown Park).

REDCAR

THUNDERER

2.15 Lady Lauren. 2.45 Lakeland Pride. 3.20 Latin Bay. 3.55 High Spirits. 4.25 Rich Choice. 4.55 Highfield Fizz.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 YARM NOVICE AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,863: 5f) (9 runners)

1 (9) 2116 AA-YOUKNOWNOTHING 14 (D,G,S) M W Easterby 9-0 T Lucas 80
2 (8) RED LION J W Payne 8-12 Dean McKeown —
3 (5) 1 BALLINA LAD 21 (D,S) J FitzGerald 8-8 J Fortune 72
4 (4) 0 DISPOL PRESIDENT 25 (BF) P Calver 8-8 J Carroll 59
5 (7) 31 RED CHARGER 14 (CD,G) J Berry 8-8 G Carter 87
6 (6) 122 ROSE'S TREASURE 9 (V,D,S) B Rothwell 8-7 M Fenton 80
7 (1) 4345 DOLLY DAY DREAM 14 K Ivory 7-13 Iona Wands (5) 75
8 (3) 3 LADY LAUREN 21 G Woodward 7-13 Martin Dwyer 69
9 (2) 6 SUSAN'S DOWRY 38 T Easterby 7-13 L Charnock 54

7-2 Red Charger, 9-2 Rose's Treasure, Lady Lauren, 11-2 Ballina Lad, 7-1 Aa-Youknownothing, 8-1 Dispol President, 10-1 Susan's Dowry, 12-1 others.

2.45 BANK HOLIDAY SELLING STAKES
(£2,513: 7f) (14)

1 (6) 0000 CAMBRIDGE BLUE 10 (V) I Semple 4-9-7 G Duffield 47
2 (3) 0000 HI MUJTAHID 2 (B,D,F) S Kettlewell 4-9-7 J Fortune 61
3 (10) 044- KWELLO 339 J W Payne 4-8-7 G Carter 48
4 (14) -000 ANETTA 10 (F) J A Harris 4-9-2 L Charnock 39
5 (4) 000- DANCE MELODY 75J (V) G Oldroyd 4-9-2 D Mernagh (7) 41
6 (12) 0200 LAKE ARIA 75 G Woodward 5-9-2 S D Williams 53
7 (13) 0050 LAKELAND PRIDE 9 (B) D Nicholls 3-8-10 F Norton 54
8 (11) 0-00 MARGARET'S DANCER 8 J Eyre 3-8-10 R Lappin 49
9 (8) 4320 SNAPPY TIMES 10 (V) M Dods 3-8-10 V Halliday 58
10 (5) TOM TUN Miss J Craze 3-8-10 T Williams —
11 (2) -060 BALI DANCE 56 (D) C Booth 3-8-5 A Culhane 54
12 (1) 600- GAELIC QUINE 219 G Oldroyd 3-8-5 K Hodgson 45
13 (7) 0000 SEA FIG 14 T Barron 3-8-5 J Carroll 55
14 (9) 0-00 SMOOTH PRINCESS 14 (D) J FitzGerald 3-8-5 Benedichte Halvorsen (5) 45

7-2 Lakeland Pride, 4-1 Snappy Times, 6-1 Kwello, 13-2 Bali Dance, 10-1 others.

3.20 VAUX SAMSON HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,302: 1m 3f) (9)

1 (8) -581 WINSOME GEORGE 6 (V,F,G) C Fairhurst 9-10 (6ex) N Kennedy 82
2 (7) 30-2 FANTASY NIGHT 27 J Dunlop 9-7 G Carter 88
3 (3) 24-0 MARSKE MACHINE 37 (G,S) N Tinkler 8-12 Kim Tinkler 78
4 (5) 00-0 WON'T FORGET ME 31 (F) I Semple 8-8 G Duffield 68
5 (9) 4-06 LORD OF LOVE 17 T Easterby 8-7 L Charnock 75
6 (4) 060- COMMON VIEW 219 N Tinkler 8-7 J Carroll 71
7 (2) 000- EDDIE ROMBO 297 N Tinkler 8-6 Dean McKeown 69
8 (1) 2-00 SON OF SKELTON 17 J Haldane 8-5 — 80
9 (6) 00-5 LATIN BAY 7 P Harris 8-0 F Norton 68

2-1 Fantasy Night, 7-2 Lord Of Love, 4-1 Winsome George, 8-1 Marske Machine, 10-1 Won't Forget Me, Son Of Skelton, 12-1 Latin Bay, 25-1 others.

3.55 ZETLAND GOLD CUP HANDICAP
(£11,550: 1m 2f) (8)

1 (8) 111- ESHTIAAL 242 (B,D,F,S) J Dunlop 4-9-10 G Carter 100
2 (1) 16-0 GIVE ME A RING 11 (D,F,G) C Thornton 5-9-3 Dean McKeown 90
3 (7) -313 HIGH SPIRITS 15 (B,BF,F,G,S) T Easterby 4-8-11 D Mernagh (7) 108
4 (2) 31-1 MOWELGA 21 (D,F,G) Lady Herries 4-8-8 Paul Eddery 107
5 (6) 0-63 CAPTAIN SCOTT 23 (BF,D,F) J Glover 4-8-8 J Fortune 112
6 (4) 50-0 CHIEF MONARCH 23 (F) R Fahey 4-8-7 G Duffield 94
7 (5) 0-55 WAFIR 13 (D,G,S) P Calver 6-8-6 J Carroll 115
8 (3) 40-5 SHADOOF 24 (F) W Muir 4-8-2 Martin Dwyer 88

3-1 Captain Scott, 4-1 Eshtiaal, High Spirits, 6-1 Mowelga, Wafir, 8-1 Give Me A Ring, 12-1 Chief Monarch, Shadoof

4.25 PAGAN AND MCQUADE OPTICIANS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,756: 6f) (10)

1 (8) 0 DILEEP SINGH 39 T Easterby 9-0 L Charnock 65
2 (9) 000- RIO 217 P Dalton 9-0 W Supple 60
3 (10) 2 SLEEPY BABY 19 I Semple 9-0 J Carroll 78
4 (3) 20 BLUEBERRY PARKES 19 J Berry 8-9 G Carter 71
5 (6) 00 ELSA DAWN 6 N Bycroft 8-9 D Mernagh (7) 66
6 (1) 0 LITTLE EM 17 R Hodges 8-9 Paul Eddery 71
7 (7) 402- RICH CHOICE 209 J Bethell 8-9 G Duffield 75
8 (2) 06 SHARP GAYLE 19 I Semple 8-9 R Lappin 75
9 (4) 03-2 TATTINGER 17 J Fanshawe 8-9 J Fortune 88
10 (5) TYPHOON GINGER G Woodward 8-9 S D Williams —

6-4 Tattinger, 5-2 Rich Choice, 7-2 Blueberry Parkes, 7-1 Sleepy Baby, 25-1 Dileep Singh, Typhoon Ginger, 33-1 Rio, Elsa Dawn, Little Em, Sharp Gayle.

4.55 ROSE GARDEN HANDICAP
(£2,863: 1m 6f 19yd) (10)

1 (6) 4331 PARADISE NAVY 10 (B,D,F,G) C Egerton 9-10-0 J Fortune 76
2 (4) 1333 THE BUTTERWICK KID 10 (BF,D,G,S) R Fahey 5-9-8 G Duffield 72
3 (10) 0-05 BACK ROW 22 J Hetherton 4-9-6 N Kennedy 64
4 (9) 000- RUSHEN RAIDER 314 (C,F) K Hogg 6-9-3 Dean McKeown 55
5 (2) 5-06 MIDYAN BLUE 10 (D,G,S) I Semple 8-8-12 J Carroll 75
6 (8) 6-22 CLASSICAL DANCE 22 Mrs M Reveley 4-8-11 A Culhane 87
7 (7) 5100 HIGHFIELD FIZZ 16 (CD,F,S) C Fairhurst 6-8-9 L Charnock 76
8 (1) 0-50 GYMCRAK GORJOS 6 (B) G Holmes 4-8-2 G Carter 68
9 (3) 00-0 KINOKO 47 (D,F,G,S) K Hogg 10-7-12 J Bramhill 65
10 (5) 0000 MAREMMA 10 (C,G,S) Don Enrico Incisa 4-7-10 Kim Tinkler 70

11-4 The Butterwick Kid, 3-1 Paradise Navy, 7-2 Classical Dance, 11-2 Highfield Fizz, 10-1 Kinoko, 12-1 Back Row, 14-1 Gymcrak Gorjos, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Muir, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; J Dunlop, 15 from 50, 30.0%, P Harris, 6 from 26, 23.1%; Lady Herries, 4 from 25, 16.0%; J Fanshawe, 3 from 21, 14.3%; S Kettlewell, 5 from 36, 13.9%, J Glover, 3 from 23, 13.0%, J Hetherton, 3 from 24, 12.5%; P Calver, 6 from 49, 12.2%.

JOCKEYS: G Carter, 16 winners from 70 rides, 22.9%; G Duffield, 8 from 52, 15.4%; J Carroll, 18 from 128, 14.1%; Paul Eddery, 4 from 31, 12.9%; S D Williams, 3 from 27, 11.1%. Only qualifiers.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SEVEN MEETINGS

Haydock Park

Going: good

2.00 (5f) 1, Tadeo (Dean McKeown, 5-1 jt-fav); 2, Ansellman (8-1); 3, Lamarita (5-1 jt-fav). 9 ran. 1l, 5l. M Johnston. Tote £5 40. £2.10, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £12 10. Trio: £43.30. CSF: £39 75. Tricast: £190.34

2.30 (6f) 1, Eastern Purple (J Carroll, 14-1); 2, Jimmy Too (11-1); 3, Pool Music (10-1). Zelanda 3-1 fav. 11 ran 8l, 3l. R Fahey. Tote: £23.70; £5.50, £3.00, £4.50. DF: £89.70. Trio. £99.50 CSF: £150.24 Tricast: £1,482.78.

3.00 (1m 30yd) 1, French Connection (P Fessey, 12-1); 2, Lucayan Indian (11-8 fav); 3, Tom Dougal (13-2) 10 ran. NR: Panama House. ½l, hd. J Berry. Tote £12 70; £1 90, £1.40, £1 80. DF: £24.50. Trio £73 60 CSF: £28.06. Tricast: £121 69

3.30 (1m 2f 120yd) 1, Legal Lunch (T Quinn, 9-2); 2, Corelli (8-1); 3, Rakeeb (10-1) Massenet 4-1 fav. 12 ran. 4l, hd. P Harris. Tote: £4 80; £1 50, £3.10, £3.30. DF: £22 80 Trio: £158.90. CSF: £37 67.

4.00 (7f 30yd) 1, Volontiers (Pat Eddery, evens fav); 2, Hebony (8-1); 3, Silvertown (6-1). 8 ran. 10l, 10l. P Harris. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £2.30, £1 80. DF: £9.50. CSF: £10.31.

4.30 (5f) 1, Karisal (J Fortune, 13-8 fav); 2, Bollin Rita (7-2); 3, Entropy (8-1). 7 ran. 1¾l, 3½l. J Berry. Tote: £2.70; £1.60, £2.10. DF: £4.80. CSF: £7.79.

5.05 (1m 6f) 1, Tanzien (D Holland, 100-30; Timekeeper's top rating); 2, Turgenev (3-1 fav); 3, Campaspe (6-1). 7 ran. 6l, 2l. K Burke. Tote: £4.00; £2.20, £2.50. DF: £4.00. CSF: £12.71.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £12,393.84 carried forward to Sandown Park today).

Placepot: £283.30. Quadpot: £15.60.

Doncaster

Going: good to firm

2.15 (7f) 1, *Churchill's Shadow* (P Doe, 16-1); 2, Celandine (11-1); 3, Gablesea (33-1); 4, Al Reel (9-2 fav). 22 ran. 1¼l, nk. B Pearce. Tote: £27.70; £6.40, £3.00, £11 50, £1 30 DF: £278.60 Trio: £833 00 CSF: £190 41. Tricast: £5,353.13.

2.45 (6f) 1, Be The Chief (A Mackay, 16-1); 2, Bertolini (8-11 fav); 3, Principal Dancer (10-1). 14 ran. Nk, 10l. T Mills. Tote: £37.00; £6 80, £1.10, £2 60. DF: £24.30. Trio: £157.20. CSF: £31.49.

3.15 (6f) 1, Daawe (S D Williams, 8-1); 2, Demolition Jo (16-1); 3, Gift Of Gold (10-1). Tiler 2-1 fav. 10 ran. 2½l, sh hd. J Glover. Tote: £13.10; £3.00, £2.90, £2 30 DF: £75.60 Trio: £114.80. CSF: £126.24.

3.45 (1m 2f 60yd) 1, Chester House (A McGlone, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Deep Dive (7-1); 3, Taverner Society (5-1). Asad 2-1 jt-fav 5 ran. 1¼l, sh hd. H Cecil. Tote: £2.70; £1.50, £2.20. DF: £11 90. CSF: £15.26.

4.20 (7f) 1, Persiano (D Harrison, 5-4 fav); 2, Night Of Glass (4-1); 3, Safio (6-1) 8 ran. 3l, 1l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £1.50, £1.50. DF: £3.50. CSF: £6.31 Tricast: £21.16

4.50 (1m 4f) 1, Emerald Heights (D Harrison, 4-1); 2, Domappel (4-1); 3, *Leading Spirit* (20-1). *Dukhan* 5-2 fav. 9 ran. 1¾l, sh hd. J Fanshawe. Tote: £4.50; £1.90, £1.60, £4.10. DF: £8.10. Trio: £125.70. CSF: £20.21. Tricast: £271.36

5.20 (5f) 1, D8 (G Hind, 2-1 fav); 2, Alimaites (9-1); 3, Flak Jacket (12-1). 10 ran. Nk, hd. B Hanbury. Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £2.50, £3.20. DF: £10.50. Trio: £35.70. CSF: £22.60.

Placepot: £421.50.

Quadpot: £53.20.

Kempton Park

Going: good to firm

1.55 1, Zante (9-4); 2, Ally (11-10 fav); 3, Krista (33-1) 11 ran.

2.30 1, Champagne Rider (7-4 fav); 2, Pas De Probleme (20-1); 3, Trio (14-1). 7 ran.

3.05 1, Flint Knapper (100-30 fav); 2, Song Of Freedom (10-1); 3, Lord Eurolink (12-1). 14 ran.

3.35 1, Speedfit Too (9-4 fav); 2, Golden Dice (5-2); 3, Jinslyah (6-1). 6 ran.

4.05 1, Premier Night (7-1); 2, Life Of Riley (8-1); 3, Shahrur (15-2). High Intrigue 9-4 fav. 11 ran.

4.35 1, Supreme Angel (14-1); 2, Distinctive Dream (5-1); 3, Marsad (100-30 fav). 13 ran.

5.10 1, Cyber World (13-8 fav); 2, Spanish Fern (11-4); 3, Pacifyc (25-1). 10 ran.

Lingfield Park

Going: good to firm

6.10 1, Monaco Gold (9-2 jt-fav); 2, Krayyan Dawn (12-1); 3, Coastguards Hero (14-1). Anjou, Carrolls Marc, King's Hussar 9-2 jt-fav. 14 ran.

6.40 1, Island Hero (8-11 fav); 2, Tammam (16-1); 3, Ghita (10-1). 12 ran. NR: Bartholomew, West Street Blues.

7.10 1, Mangus (9-1); 2, Facile Tigre (5-2 fav); 3, Mijas (16-1). 12 ran. NR: Turners Way.

7.40 1, Tajawuz (9-2); 2, Ivory Crown (20-1); 3, Silver Sun (10-1). Musical Twist 9-4 fav. 11 ran.

8.10 race abandoned because of dangerous ground on last bend

8.40 1, Polo Venture (9-4 fav); 2, Ki Chi Saga (9-1); 3, Imperial Prince (10-1). 8 ran.

Warwick

Going: good to firm

6.25 1, Ellopassoff (12-1); 2, Roman Reel (11-1); 3, Forest Robin (13-2); 4, Sis Garden (9-1). Muara Bay 5-1 jt-fav. 20 ran.

6.55 1, Carlys Quest (7-4 fav); 2, Brave Noble (7-1); 3, Serendipity (8-1). 8 ran. NR: Diminutive.

7.25 1, Wedding Band (100-30); 2, Senor Hurst (33-1); 3, Belle De Montfort (25-1). Chasetown Cailin 11-8 fav. 7 ran.

7.55 1, Aloha Dancer (4-5 fav); 2, Summer Deal (6-1); 3, Razor (7-2). 12 ran.

8.25 1, Patriot (4-5 fav); 2, Cartmel Park (11-2); 3, Cosmo Jack (20-1). 8 ran. Secret Haven (12-1) was withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in the pound.

8.55 1, Torch Vert (5-2); 2, The Blues Academy (20-1); 3, Drift (14-1). Aquavita 9-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Chabrol.

Cartmel

Going: good to firm

2.20 1, *House Of Dreams* (5-2 jt-fav); 2, Going For Broke (5-2 jt-fav); 3, Non Vintage (9-1) 7 ran.

2.50 1, Appearance Money (7-1); 2, Paparazzo (100-30); 3, Moss Pageant (7-2). Royal Crimson 11-10 fav. 10 ran.

3.20 1, Tactix (5-2); 2, Eastlands Hi-Light (5-1); 3, Three Potato Four (10-1). Timber Topper 7-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Kings Token.

3.50 1, Woodstock Wanderer (11-4); 2, Frankie Harry (6-4 fav); 3, Snowy Petrel (6-1). 10 ran.

4.25 1, Gower-Slave (4-5 fav), 2, War Whoop (10-1); 3, Coralette (11-4). 5 ran. NR: Mullins.

4.55 1, Niknaks Nephew (2-7 fav); 2, Down The Yard (7-2); 3, Amoebic (8-1). 7 ran.

Hexham

Going: good to firm

2.10 1, Hunting Slane (2-1); 2, Meltemison (8-13 fav). 3, Mr Mahdlo (50-1) 8 ran.

2.40 1, Private Jet (11-8 fav); 2, Will Travel (4-1). 5 ran. NR: Somerby, Sound Profit, Thank U Jim.

3.10 1, Charlistiona (4-5 fav); 2, Let's Hang On (3-1); 3, Meadowburn (8-1) 5 ran.

3.40 1, Highbank (7-2); 2, Cadeaux Premiere (9-1); 3, Robera (12-1). Glenugie evens fav. 10 ran. NR: Ham N'Eggs, Out On A Promise, Really Useful.

4.10 1, Stylish Interval (13-8 fav); 2, Kinda Groovy (2-1); 3, Sigma Wireless (5-2). 5 ran.

4.40 1, I'm The Man (13-8 jt-fav); 2, German Legend (9-2); 3, Kalajo (13-8 jt-fav). 6 ran. NR: Nova Champ, Up For Ransome.

FLAT LEADERS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
J Berry	41	28	25	2	+2.94
J Eyre	31	24	24	3	-18.96
H Cecil	27	11	12	2	+25.74
M Johnston	26	29	19	2	-11.55
R Hannon	26	18	23	3	-60.51
J Dunlop	23	27	13	4	-19.00
N Littmoden	21	18	24	17	-11.04
P Haslam	20	15	19	8	+4.79
M Channon	20	20	18	6	-40.53
R Hollinshead	20	20	13	25	-23.75
K Burke	19	20	15	2	-19.32
B Hills	18	23	17	2	-34.77
G L Moore	17	15	15	4	-45.59

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
K Fallon	56	39	42	3	-25.51
D Holland	54	33	27	1	+70.43
A McCarthy	43	46	44	8	-60.46
C Lowther	41	30	24	4	+1.31
D Sweeney	28	20	22	1	+29.30
T Quinn	27	24	23	0	-3.26
L Charnock	25	25	30	38	-128.90
J Weaver	24	21	7	13	+7.88
W Ryan	24	22	24	3	-54.00
S Whitworth	24	19	19	14	-76.62
Dean McKeown	24	35	19	1	-81.07
G Carter	23	12	13	5	-5.55
A Culhane	22	16	18	5	-14.00

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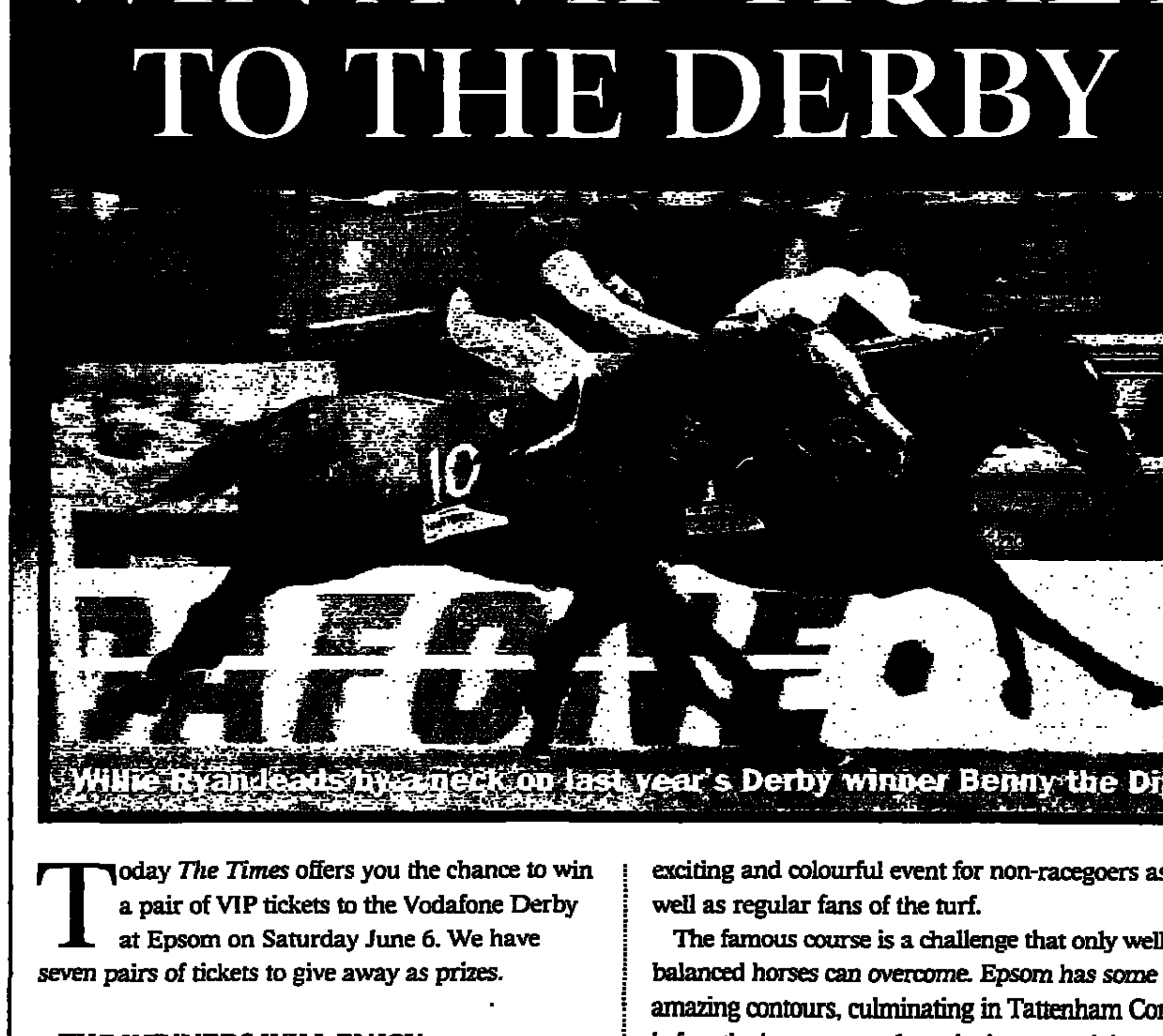
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LEICESTER

THUNDERER

2.20 Ocker. 2.55 Zahran. 3.25 Welcome Heights. 4.00 Chocolate Box. 4.30 Shirley Not. 5.00 Wannabe Grand. 5.30 Tycoon Tina.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.20 GROBY HANDICAP
(£3,623: 5f 218yd) (10 runners)

1 01-0 ALWAYS ON MY MIND 23 (D,F,G,S) P Makin 4-10-0 D Griffiths (3) 9
2 -243 PRESENT CHANCE 16 B McMahon 4-9-3 L Newton 2
3 10-0 *BEYOND CALCULATION* 11 (D,F) J Bradley 4-9-2 R Ffrench 8
4 0-00 GOLDEN POUND 42 (B,D,F,G) Miss G Kelleway 6-9-1 P Robinson 5
5 -626 SUMMER QUEEN 9 (BF,G) S Woods 4-8-12 M Rimmer 10
6 2002 OCKER 3 (D,S) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-6 D Sweeney (3) 4
7 1201 MIKE'S DOUBLE 10 (V,D,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-5 A McCarthy (3) 3
8 001- MY TYSON 196 K Mahdi 3-8-4 J Quinn 6
9 0300 RUM LAD 10 (D,F,S) J J Quinn 4-8-3 A Clark 7
10 014- BALANITA 192 (F) B Palling 3-8-3 T Sprake 1

4-1 Present Chance, 9-2 Always On My Mind, 5-1 Summer Queen, Mike's Double, 13-2 Rum Lad, 8-1 Ocker, 10-1 My Tyson, 12-1 others.

2.55 ANSTEY SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,234: 1m 1f 218yd) (19)

1 3050 ARZANI 10 (V,CD,G) D Cosgrove 7-10-0 R Mullen (3) 11
2 2532 ERRANT 7 (D) D Cosgrove 6-9-13 M Rimmer 1
3 1500 PALISANDER 52 (D) Mrs A E Johnson 4-9-10 A McGlone 12
4 4006 PERSEVERE 14 (V) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-10 R Perham 3
5 5-00 ED'S FOLLY 9 S Dow 5-9-8 P Doe (5) 15
6 -002 ACTION JACKSON 3 (D,F,G) B McMath 6-9-7 Declan O'Shea 18
7 43-0 SCOTTISH HERO 25 Lady Herries 5-9-5 A Clark 16
8 0083 HOLLOWAY MELODY 14 (B,G) B McMahon 5-9-2 L Newton 14
9 /0-0 BEAU CYRANO 14 (G,S) D Carroll 6-9-2 J Quinn 10
10 -006 RIVAL BID 7 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs N Macauley 10-8-13 D Sweeney (3) 7
11 4-02 ZAHRAN 6 (F) J Bradley 7-8-13 R Ffrench 19
12 55-0 DIAMOND CROWN 10 (D,F,G) M Wane 7-8-12 A Whelan 6
13 000- ACQUITTAL 241 (V,F) A Streeter 6-8-11 T Sprake 4
14 00/0 TONY'S MIST 21 (G,S) J Bradley 8-8-10 A McCarthy (3) 17
15 0003 BLUE HOPPER 7 (V) M Quinn 4-8-9 Joanna Badger (7) 9
16 06/0 FORMENTIERE 10 J Bradley 5-8-9 R Thomas (7) 13
17 00-0 RETURN TO BRIGHTON 8 (F) J Bradley 6-8-8 F Lynch 5
18 2640 MERCURY 14 B Baugh 5-8-8 D Wright 2
19 00-0 RUNIC SYMBOL 25 (D,F) M Blanshard 7-8-6 Dale Gibson 8

5-1 Errant, 7-1 Zahran, 8-1 Persevere, Action Jackson, Holloway Melody, Blue Hopper, 10-1 Arzani, 12-1 others.

3.25 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES (Handicap: £5,072: 1m 8yd) (12)

1 010- FAHS 198 (G) G Lewis 6-10-0 R Ffrench 4
2 3510 TERTIUM 8 (BF,D,F,G) N Littmoden 6-9-13 R Mullen (3) 8
3 1062 SUALTACH 8 (D,F,S) R Hollinshead 5-9-6 A McCarthy (3) 9
4 401- BABA AU RHUM 219J (D,F,G) I Williams 6-9-4 G Hind 11
5 010- NOMINATOR LAD 232 (D,F) B McMahon 4-9-4 L Newton 6
6 0000 RAINBOW RAIN 11 (D,F) S Dow 4-9-3 P Doe (5) 1
7 0-54 SPARKY 8 (B,D,F) M W Easterby 4-9-0 S Finnamore (7) 10
8 10-6 FIONN DE COOL 48 (D,F,G) J Akehurst 7-8-10 D Griffiths (3) 5
9 00-1 ZIMIRI 17 (D) J Toller 4-8-8 A Clark 12
10 20-0 DUELLO 10 (F,S) M Blanshard 7-8-8 J Quinn 3
11 1-36 WELCOME HEIGHTS 12 (G,S) M Fetherston-Godley 4-8-3 T Sprake 2
12 2300 APPYABO 21 M Quinn 3-8-1 A Whelan 7

7-2 Zimiri, 5-1 Sualtach, 13-2 Tertium, 7-1 Sparky, Fionn De Cool, 8-1 Fahs, 10-1 Baba Au Rhum, 12-1 others

4.00 MARKET BOSWORTH MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,595: 1m 8yd) (10)

1 502- BLESS 'IM 217 R Hannon 9-0 R Perham 10
2 0- IMPERATOR 333 Lady Herries 9-0 A Clark 4
3 04 IOMAROU 49 R Hollinshead 9-0 S Clarke (7) 3
4 0 MAC'S DREAM 8 J Noseda 9-0 J Quinn 5
5 NO SHOES NO NEWS M A Buckley 9-0 J Stack 8
6 03-2 SPLENDID ISOLATION 21 L Cumani 9-0 R Ffrench 6
7 BROWN SUGAR M Blanshard 8-9 Dale Gibson 9
8 34- CHOCOLATE BOX 200 (BF) W Haggas 8-9 F Lynch 1
9 5-0 FOREST FIRE 27 B Hanbury 8-9 G Hind 7
10 5 MISS PARADISO 46 B Palling 8-9 T Sprake 2

5-4 Splendid Isolation, 4-1 Chocolate Box, 6-1 Mac's Dream, 13-2 Bless 'Im, 12-1 Miss Paradiso, 14-1 Imperator, 16-1 Forest Fire, 25-1 others.

4.30 LOUGHBOROUGH CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,259: 5f 2yd) (7)

1 12 SHIRLEY NOT 9 (BF,D) J Berry 8-9 S Maloney 3
2 RUANBEG C Dwyer 8-8 J Gotobed (7) 6
3 00 *DAZZLING QUINTET* 15 C Smith 8-6 A Clark 2
4 200 MAYFAIR BALLERINA 7 W G M Turner 8-4 T Sprake 4
5 0 LIGHTNING BLAZE 21 P S McEntee 8-2 J Quinn 1
6 DING DONG J Bradley 8-0 R Ffrench 5
7 046 VALIANT CHARGE 3 J S Moore 7-12 A McCarthy (3) 7

4-5 Shirley Not, 3-1 Mayfair Ballerina, 6-1 Lightning Blaze, 10-1 Valiant Charge, 12-1 Ruanbeg, 20-1 Dazzling Quintet, Ding Dong

5.00 LIONESS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,548: 5f 218yd) (10)

1 ACCELERATING J Gosden 8-11 A McGlone 8
2 0 AL FAHDA 7 R Hannon 8-11 R Perham 5
3 BALWAT ALZAMAAN A Stewart 8-11 A Clark 2
4 BROWN'S FLIGHT S Dow 8-11 P Doe (5) 7
5 ELEGANT LADY J Gosden 8-11 G Hind 3
6 HADRA P Cole 8-11 J Quinn 10
7 LADY MOORINGS M Blanshard 8-11 Dale Gibson 6
8 LAWNETT J Dunlop 8-11 T Sprake 4
9 0 MAGIQUE ETOILE 11 M Muggeridge 8-11 A Whelan 9
10 WANNABE GRAND J Noseda 8-11 R Ffrench 1

3-1 Hadra, 9-2 Elegant Lady, 11-2 Lawnett, 6-1 Al Fahda, Wannabe Grand, 7-1 Accelerating, 8-1 Balwat Alzamaan, 25-1 others.

5.30 TIGERS APPRENTICES HANDICAP
(£2,411: 1m 3f 183yd) (16)

1 3103 QUIET ARCH 12 (D) W Muir 5-9-11 A Nicholls (3) 12
2 0-15 FLYING FLIP 15 (S) B Morgan 4-9-10 D Hayden (5) 5
3 0162 TYCOON TINA 10 (D,S) W Brisbourne 4-9-10 N Callan (5) 15
4 20-6 TONNERRE 18 (S) B McMahon 6-9-10 S Righton (3) 16
5 0225 LANCER 25 (F) J Pearce 6-9-7 J Wilkinson 3
6 40/0 GET TOUGH 21 (F) E Wheeler 5-9-7 S Carson 11
7 0000 TAYOVULLIN 21 H Morrison 4-9-6 D Richardson (7) 8
8 0-00 ZIBETH 11 (D,F) S Dow 4-9-5 P Doe 2
9 050- PRAIRIE MINSTREL 23J R Dickin 4-9-2 P Mundy (7) 6
10 060/ THE LAD 575J (D,F) Mrs L Stubbs 9-8-13 R Studholme 13
11 010- SIBERIAN MYSTIC 31J (D,F) P Murphy 5-8-11 J Fowle (3) 1
12 006- TAJAR 101J (D,F) T Keddy 6-8-9 P Dobbs (3) 7
13 3400 SQUIRE'S OCCASION 25 (B,D) R Curtis 5-8-8 Victoria Appleby (3) 4
14 3-00 IMPERIAL GLEN 14 M Usher 4-7-10 D Williams (3) 14
15 00-0 SPIRAL FLYER 15 M Usher 5-7-10 P Bradley (3) 9
16 006- MARYS PATH 299 S Gollings 4-7-10 R Brisland (5) 10

3-1 Tycoon Tina, 7-1 Flying Flip, Lancer, Siberian Mystic, 8-1 Quiet Arch, 10-1 Tonnerre, 12-1 Zibeth, Praine Minstrel, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 10 winners from 40 runners, 25.0%; B Hanbury, 7 from 30, 23.3%; P Makin, 8 from 39, 20.5%; J Dunlop, 25 from 123, 20.3%; J Gosden, 12 from 67, 17.9%; R Hannon, 25 from 160, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: J Stack, 6 winners from 33 rides, 18.2%; M Rimmer, 4 from 35, 11.4%; F Lynch, 7 from 62, 11.3%; A McGlone, 4 from 38, 10.5%. Only qualifiers.

HEREFORD

THUNDERER

2.30 Sayeh. 3.00 Look In The Mirror. 3.30 Herbert Lodge. 4.00 Tamarindo. 4.35 Grecian Lark. 5.05 Billy Box.

Carl Evans: 4.35 Grecian Lark.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

2.30 MADLEY NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,432: 2m 1f) (12 runners)

1 141 SAYEH 21 (D,F) P Bowen 6-11-12 A P McCoy
2 -615 MERAWANG 41 (B,BF,D,S) M Pipe 5-11-6 Michael Brennan
3 0F-0 JUST BECAUSE 352 E Jones 6-11-0 Mr S Stronge (7)
4 -400 POCONO KNIGHT 171 C Jones 8-11-0 Miss B Small
5 PUUR ROYAL MIST 15P R Frost 7-11-0 J Frost
6 6602 ACHILL RAMBLER 10 D Lloyd 5-10-9 C Llewellyn
7 P506 KNOWING 34 (S) P Watkins 11-10-9 M Sharratt
8 LADYS PROMISE 875F Graeme Roe 6-10-9 L Aspell (3)
9 000 ON THE GREEN 47 B Preece 5-10-9 J Mogford (7)
10 5 RUNNING FREE 13 (B) K Bailey 4-10-9 N Williamson
11 P2P0 SISTER ALI 17 Miss K George 6-10-9 R Massey (3)
12 40 LOCHLASS 21 R J Price 4-10-4 G Shenkin (5)

4-5 Sayeh, 7-2 Merawang, 9-2 Achill Rambler, 12-1 Running Free, 20-1 Lochlass, 25-1 Pocono Knight, 33-1 others.

3.00 ORCOP SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,593: 3m 2f) (18)

1 P600 LANDED GENTRY 19 (B,S) J O'Shea 9-12-0 Michael Brennan
2 6410 HONEYBED WOOD 12 (BF,F,G,S) M Sheppard 10-11-4 L Aspell (3)
3 15-0 GUNMAKER 19 (D,F,G) B Llewellyn 9-11-2 Mr J L Llewellyn
4 0252 LOOK IN THE MIRROR 12 (BF) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-8 C Llewellyn
5 P406 ITS GRAND 109 (D,G,S) W G M Turner 9-10-5 J Power (7)
6 0P03 KARICLEIGH BOY 53 (F,G,S) R Frost 10-10-4 T O'Connor (7)
7 43F0 LONGCROFT 12 (F,G) C Popham 6-10-2 Mr S Stronge (7)
8 0160 URBAN LILY 23 (B,G,S) R Hodges 8-10-0 J Harris (7)
9 6500 RAY RIVER 12 (F,G) K Wingrove 6-10-0 J Ryan
10 4P-P BATTY'S ISLAND 154 (F,S) B Preece 9-10-0 J Mogford (7)
11 356P JUST FOR A REASON 5 (G) R Juckes 6-10-0 R Greene
12 40P0 SHARP EMBRACE 14 M Pipe 5-10-0 N Williamson
13 0F0P GRACE CARD 16 (B,G,S) B Cambidge 12-10-0 R Massey (3)
14 5066 BAYLORD PRINCE 49 (F,S) Mrs J Ewer 10-10-0 Miss C Dyson
15 -6PP RISKY ROSE 10 Graeme Roe 6-10-0 S Graham (7)
16 0563 LOFTY DEED 66 (B,S) Mrs C Hicks 8-10-0 G Shenkin (5)
17 5000 REACH FOR GLORY 12 (F,G) Graham Richards 9-10-0 W Walsh
18 00P0 CLUBS ARE TRUMPS 23 B Llewellyn 7-10-0 Miss E J Jones

3-1 Look In The Mirror, 6-1 Gunmaker, 7-1 Honeybed Wood, Karicleigh Boy, 10-1 Landed Gentry, 12-1 Its Grand, Longcroft, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 32 winners from 93 runners, 34.4%, N Twiston-Davies, 24 from 109, 22.0%; C Brooks, 5 from 24, 20.8%; K Bailey, 12 from 73, 16.4%; J Mellins, 5 from 33, 15.2%; T Forster, 6 from 43, 14.0%.

JOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 26 winners from 90 rides, 28.9%; C Llewellyn, 22 from 85, 25.9%; N Williamson, 8 from 61, 13.1%; S Wynne, 8 from 65, 12.3%. Michael Brennan, 3 from 29, 10.3%.

3.30 CRASWELL NOVICES CHASE
(£3,583: 2m 3f) (8)

1 1F25 HERBERT LODGE 16 (F,G,S) K Bailey 9-11-6 N Williamson
2 3415 SMOLENSK 23 (C,F) J Berry 6-11-6 A P McCoy
3 4F BERKELEY BLADE 146 R Mathew 8-11-0 C Llewellyn
4 2332 FLORID 9 (G) C Brooks 7-11-0 M Berry (5)
5 P220 POLISH RIDER 8P (F) B Llewellyn 10-11-0 Mr J L Llewellyn
6 6-5P SUNGIA 58P (V) Graeme Roe 9-11-0 L Aspell (3)
7 3304 THOMAS CROWN 12 D Williams 6-11-0 Michael Brennan
8 3063 INFLUENCE PEDLER 115 (G) Miss K George 5-10-7 R Massey (3)

13-8 Florid, 9-4 Smolensk, 3-1 Herbert Lodge, 10-1 Influence Pedler, 12-1 Thomas Crown, 25-1 Polish Rider, 33-1 Berkeley Blade, 50-1 Sungia.

4.00 NATIONAL RIDING WEEK HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,095: 2m 3f 110yd) (4)

1 2211 TAMARINDO 10 (F,G,S) M Pipe 5-12-0 A P McCoy
2 4254 BAY FAIR 21 (G) M R Bosley 6-10-0 C Llewellyn
3 306P HIGH LOW 41 (CD,F,S) I Jones 10-10-0 Miss E J Jones
4 6250 COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 13 (C,F) P Hayward 9-10-0 N Williamson

4-11 Tamarindo, 5-1 Bay Fair, 7-1 High Low, 14-1 Courageous Knight.

4.35 CLIVE MAIDEN HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,121: 3m 1f 110yd) (8)

1 22U3 ALEX THUSCOMBE 12P (B,F,G) Mrs P Shaw 10-12-3 P Shaw (7)
2 F214 ARDELL BOY 19 (G) J Grey 10-12-3 Miss P Gundry (7)
3 4UU1 BROAD STEANE 8P (F,G,S) Lady Connell 9-12-3 Miss H Irving (7)
4 32P1 GRECIAN LARK 9P (F,G,S) G J Tarry 10-12-3 G Tarry (7)
5 F-13 LAKESIDE LAD 21P (S) S Richard Griffiths 6-12-3 D Mansell (7)
6 3153 NATIVE RAMBLER 13 (S) Mrs A Price 8-12-3 S Blackwell (7)
7 UR36 OTTER RIVER 8 O Carter 9-12-3 I Widdicombe (7)
8 6-1P SOVEREIGNS MATCH 24P (G) M Robinson 10-12-3 S J Robinson (7)

3-1 Grecian Lark, 7-2 Broad Steane, 5-1 Native Rambler, 7-1 Alex Thuscombe, Otter River, 8-1 Lakeside Lad, 10-1 Ardell Boy, Sovereigns Match.

5.05 CAREY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,836: 2m 3f 110yd) (15)

1 0F00 BILLY BOX 94 (G) G McCourt 6-11-10 C Llewellyn
2 5U01 BAD BERTRICH 12 (B) Graeme Roe 7-11-9 N Williamson
3 04U4 ROSEVALLEY 5 (BF,F) M Pipe 6-11-8 A P McCoy
4 3343 JUST JASMINE 13 (S) K Bishop 6-11-5 R Greene
5 06P0 BARTON SCAMP 14 D Williams 6-11-0 M Berry (5)
6 0226 LITTLE SERENA 23 (CD,G) J Harriman 8-10-13 M Sharratt
7 2103 DUBAI DOLLY 31 (F) J Mullins 5-10-12 Michael Brennan
8 0422 OAKMONT 23 M Sheppard 5-10-11 L Aspell (3)
9 63F FLOWING FORTUNE 31 T Forster 4-10-9 S Wynne
10 00-5 WEST BAY BREEZE 49 R Buckler 6-10-9 J Frost
11 0F50 GREG'S PROFILES 17 Miss K George 7-10-5 R Massey (3)
12 0U2P ARIOSO 21 (S) J R Hughes 10-10-3 J Power (7)
13 0560 NIRVANA PRINCESS 5 B Preece 6-10-1 Mr S Stronge (7)
14 4-P0 POWDER MONKEY 70 T Needham 8-10-0 Mrs C Ford
15 025P BRONHALLOW 24 Mrs B Waring 5-10-0 E Byrne

4-1 Rosevalley, 6-1 Dubai Dolly, Flowing Fortune, 8-1 Bad Bertrich, Just Jasmine, Little Serena, Oakmont, Arioso, 16-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Cartmel: 2.00 Bridlington Bay. Hereford: 2.30 Running Free. 3.00 Landed Gentry. 4.35 Alex Thuscombe. Huntingdon: 4.35 Fair Society. Redcar: 2.45 Dance Melody. Sandown Park: 4.45 Simply Super. Uttoxeter: 3.50 Karaburan.

UTTOXETER

THUNDERER

2.10 Into The Swing. 2.40 Country Beau. 3.15 Danger Baby. 3.50 Prussia. 4.20 Malihabad. 4.50 Hunters' Heaven. 5.25 Waterlaw.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.10 MOBILEFONE GROUP MAIDEN CHASE
(£2,827: 2m 7f) (10 runners)

1 4P5P BALLYHYHO 30P (V,G,S) M Mullineaux 11-11-2 Gary Lyons
2 2444 DESERT CALM 2 D McCain 9-11-2 S Wynne
3 P020 INCH CHAMPION 21 A Carroll 6-11-2 A Scholes (7)
4 /F3P INTO THE SWING 16 (S) Mrs M Jones 9-11-2 G Hogan
5 -340 JOLLY BOAT 9 (F,G,S) F Jordan 11-11-2 D Gallagher
6 2664 KINLOGH GALE 12 (B,F) Mrs M Evans 10-11-2 Mr E Williams
7 55PP RYTHM ROCK 53 R Juckes 9-11-2 Guy Lewis (3)
8 1040 SAILIN MINSTREL 254 (S) M Pitman 7-11-2 R Farrant
9 -0P0 SONRISA 124 P Bowen 6-11-2 R Johnson
10 5P64 VIA DEL QUATRO 21 (S) J Mullins 6-10-11 David Turner (7)

9-4 Into The Swing, 11-4 Kinlogh Gale, 5-1 Jolly Boat, 6-1 Inch Champion, 7-1 Desert Calm, 10-1 Via Del Quatro, 20-1 Sailin Minstrel, 25-1 others.

2.40 NEVILLE LUMB & CO HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,761: 2m) (8)

1 2302 HIGH IN THE CLOUDS 10 (D,F) T Forster 6-12-0 S Wynne
2 1616 COUNTRY BEAU 72 (BF,D,G,S) J King 6-11-6 R McGrath (3)
3 3264 KINGDOM EMPEROR 23 (BF,D,F,S) W Clay 4-11-0 D Gallagher
4 -23U CALL MY GUEST 12 (G,S) R Peacock 8-10-13 R Johnson
5 4331 DIEGO 8 (CD,G) M Pitman 5-10-6 R Farrant
6 1206 ALBEMINE 21 (D,F,G) R Juckes 9-10-4 Gary Lyons
7 421U FERRUFINO 9 (D,F,G) P Rich 10-10-3 M Griffiths (5)
8 233P SHIFTING MOON 219 (F,G) F Jordan 6-10-0 J Supple

5-2 High In The Clouds, 3-1 Country Beau, 5-1 Diego, 7-1 Kingdom Emperor, Call My Guest, 10-1 Albemine, Ferrufino, 16-1 Shifting Moon.

3.15 BETTERWARE HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,631: 3m 2f) (8)

1 RPR2 DANGER BABY 10 (B,CD,F,G,S) P Bowen 8-12-0 R Johnson
2 1UP1 JIMMY O'DEA 24 (V,C,F,G) J Mackie 11-10-13 E Husband (3)
3 1320 SANTELLA BOY 17 (B,C,F) C Mann 6-10-13 J Magee (3)
4 -300 CHANGE THE REIGN 114 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs A Johnson 11-10-10 R Farrant
5 2P2- DRUMCULLEN 364 (F,G) K Bailey 9-10-8 S McNeill
6 26F0 FORTUNES COURSE 20 (D,F,G,S) J King 9-10-8 R McGrath (3)
7 5-0P SPACEAGE GOLD 181 (D,F) J Old 9-10-7 G Hogan
8 1410 COMMANCHE CREEK 10 (B,D,F,G) M Pipe 8-10-3 R Bellamy

3-1 Jimmy O'Dea, 7-2 Danger Baby, 5-1 Drumcullen, 6-1 Santella Boy, 8-1 Fortunes Course, 10-1 Commanche Creek, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 37 winners from 129 runners, 28.7%, C Mann, 8 from 30, 26.7%, C Brooks, 7 from 27, 25.9%; P Bowen, 5 from 20, 25.0%, S Brookshaw, 18 from 78, 23.1%, J Old, 5 from 26, 19.2%; Mrs M Reveley, 7 from 37, 18.9%.

JOCKEYS: R McGrath, 5 winners from 12 rides, 41.7%; C Maude, 7 from 55, 12.7%, R Johnson, 15 from 120, 12.5%; S McNeill, 7 from 59, 11.9%; D Gallagher, 6 from 55, 10.9%; G Hogan, 3 from 30, 10.0%.

3.50 PETER J DOUGLAS ENGINEERING LTD SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£7,880: 2m 4f 110yd) (18)

1 -633 OUT RANKING 13 (BF,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-10 J Lower
2 6526 PRUSSIA 16 (D,F) W Clay 7-11-4 R Farrant
3 5142 DRAMA KING 27 (G) B Llewellyn 6-11-2 S Kelly (5)
4 6-14 BACKVIEW 27F (S) B Llewellyn 6-11-2 R Johnson
5 -221 ILEWIN JANINE 5 (C,F) S Brookshaw 7-11-0 M Dence (5)
6 1532 NORTHERN MAESTRO 19F (G) Mrs M Reveley 4-11-0 G Lee
7 01R5 SKELTON SOVEREIGN 41 (F) R Hollinshead 4-10-13 Gary Lyons
8 -3P0 AMAZING SAIL 150 (F) Miss K Milligan 5-10-11 J Callaghan
9 5641 HIGH SUMMER 17 (F) C Mann 8-10-11 J Magee (3)
10 3408 MASTER HYDE 12 (D,F,G) J Goldie 9-10-10 R McGrath (3)
11 600/ TOO CLEVER BY HALF 1452 (D) G J Houghton 10-10-7 G Hogan
12 -006 COAST ALONG 19 (C,D,F,G) P Bevan 6-10-6 R Bellamy
13 1U-6 CASHFLOW CRISIS 31 (F) J Mullins 6-10-3 D Gallagher
14 1225 SWEET NOBLE 12 (D,F,S) K Drewry 9-10-0 S McNeill
15 6100 KARABURAN 21 (V,D,S) R Phillips 4-10-0 E Husband (3)
16 /00- JOHN NAMAN 550 (F,S) D Geraghty 9-10-0 J Supple
17 P460 KNOCK STAR 10 T Gill 7-10-0 L Harvey
18 6000 FLAHIVE'S FIRST 13 R J Price 4-10-0 M Batters (5)

5-1 Out Ranking, 7-1 Drama King, High Summer, 8-1 Ilewin Janine, Northern Maestro, 10-1 Backview, Sweet Noble, 12-1 others.

4.20 STREBEL BOILERS & RADIATORS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,074: 2m 5f) (14)

1 0153 GALEN 30 (B,G) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-10 G Lee
2 U005 TEEJAY'N'AITCH 12 (F,G,S) J Goldie 6-11-3 R McGrath (3)
3 1224 RUTH'S BOY 180 (D,F,S) Mrs A E Johnson 9-11-1 R Johnson
4 25P1 PEARL'S CHOICE 23 (C,S) J McConnochie 10-11-1 S McNeill
5 P3P5 EKEUS 17 (F,G) J King 8-11-1 D Gallagher
6 P661 SANTA JET 12 (F,S) G M Moore 7-10-11 J Callaghan
7 6P03 WIXOE WONDER 94 (B,G) M Bradstock 8-10-10 S Kelly (5)
8 PFF0 FROWN 42 (S) P Bowen 8-10-10 R Farrant
9 0-04 RAFTER-J 21 T Gill 7-10-7 R Bellamy
10 00F4 DEEP REFRAIN 14 (G,S) R Phillips 6-10-7 G Hogan
11 5463 ANOTHER COMEDY 14 (B) R Lee 8-10-1 L Harvey
12 U400 GAVASKAR 168 (F) A Streeter 9-10-0 E Husband (3)
13 5660 MALIHABAD 12 (G,S) R Hollinshead 9-10-0 Gary Lyons
14 6-6F ALTHREY BLUE 23 R Peacock 9-10-0 J Magee (3)

4-1 Pearl's Choice, 5-1 Galen, 7-1 Ruth's Boy, Santa Jet, 8-1 Teejay'n'aitch, Another Comedy, 10-1 Wixoe Wonder, Deep Refrain, 12-1 others.

4.50 CARADON PLUMBING SOLUTIONS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,432: 2m) (8)

1 020/ HUNTERS' HEAVEN 817 J Mackie 7-11-0 E Husband (3)
2 6R0 MISKY BAY 82 W Clay 5-11-0 Mr B Leavy
3 04F MIXED OPINION 9 C Jackson 5-11-0 R Bellamy
4 PP56 YONDER STAR 9 G R Smith 6-11-0 L Harvey
5 3540 BOLD ORIENTAL 17 C Brooks 4-10-9 D Gallagher
6 3436 INDIAN NECTAR 15F R Brotherton 5-10-9 R Farrant
7 -2P3 SKY BURST 42 Miss V Williams 8-10-9 R Johnson
8 TIME CAN TELL 37F R Juckes 4-10-9 Guy Lewis (3)

7-4 Sky Burst, 9-2 Misky Bay, Indian Nectar, 6-1 Bold Oriental, 7-1 Mixed Opinion, 12-1 Yonder Star, 14-1 Time Can Tell, 20-1 Hunters' Heaven.

5.25 UTTOXETER STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,222: 2m) (7)

1 0 ARDNUT 5 T Gill 6-11-4 E Husband (3)
2 GOLDEN SAXON S Brookshaw 5-11-4 R Bellamy
3 R-00 SEE MORE ACTION 23 M Mullineaux 6-11-4 J Mogford (7)
4 0 WIND RIVER 21 Mrs A E Johnson 6-11-4 R Farrant
5 056 GLACIAL PRINCESS 11 Mrs M Reveley 5-10-13 D Gallagher
6 WATERLAW P Bowen 4-10-13 R Johnson
7 WYNYARD DANCER Mrs M Reveley 4-10-8 G Lee

6-4 Glacial Princess, 3-1 Wynyard Dancer, 5-1 Golden Saxon, 6-1 Waterlaw, 7-1 Wind River, 25-1 Ardnut, 33-1 See More Action.

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RACING: STEWARDS QUESTION RIDING OF ROCHE AFTER BALLYDOYLE'S BIG HOPE FINISHES THIRD IN IRISH 2,000 GUINEAS

Second Empire's tame effort creates confusion

FROM CHRIS MCGRATH AT THE CURRAGH

THOUGH they started their journey a mile away, on the other side of the ancient Curragh plain, even from the grandstand it was obvious that the horse was pulling hard. Christy Roche, who viewed proceedings from rather closer quarters, dismounted and said that he was delighted with the way Second Empire settled. "I don't understand why people keep asking me about him pulling," the veteran jockey said, wide-eyed.

Yesterday, however, 24 hours after his eccentric riding of the odds-on favourite — who ran on from the rear to take third behind Desert Prince — that seemed as near as Roche had got to sharing the general perception of what happened in the Hibernia Irish 2,000 Guineas.

The Coolmore confederacy's introspective and mysterious habit of mind entitled racegoers to wonder just how his tender riding might fit into its shrewd ambitions for the production of another champion. After all, Second Empire had only just recovered from a setback, and had but 14 days before a possible crack at the Vodafone Derby. Rest assured, however, that none looked more dumbstruck afterwards than John Magnier and Michael Tabor, while Aidan O'Brien, the young trainer who has restored an empire for them at Ballydoyle, was not just his usual reticent self when parrying the inquisition of the Press.

In holding up Second Empire, and offering only the most perfunctory coercion as Desert Prince and Fa-Eq kicked clear, Roche was — it is safe to assume — acting on his own initiative, or lack of it. At the same time, it was not the Coolmore way to offer anything but a sympathetic endorsement of Roche.

"We're not blaming anybody," O'Brien said yesterday. "Everybody is human and things happen, that was just the way it happened on the day. Christy said that it was a mess of a race, that the pace was on up front and the horse was out the back and got caught in a separate race. He said that when the first two kicked, the race was over. He thought there was no point giving him a hard race."

In public, however, Roche remained on the defensive. "If the race was tomorrow, I'd ride him exactly the same way," he said. "I rode him like I ride all the good horses. He was near enough if good enough. But he lost ground, rather than gained, in the last two furlongs."

The stewards noted — rather than accepted — Roche's explanation that the horse had become tired. Their assumption was that one could only so indulge a horse in such circumstances with good reason, and there is a lot to be said for that. Second Empire certainly became momentarily unbalanced when eventually asked to quicken, holding his head rather awkwardly.

Roche's behaviour was reminiscent of his reluctance to give King Of Kings a hard race when he did not "feel right" here last summer, the occasion of his only defeat. There was but a nostril in it that day, but here he had four lengths to make up.

As for Epsom, Ladbrokes scratched Second Empire from its list, as the Irish Derby is his likeliest target. Saratoga Springs goes for the French Derby on Sunday, leaving King Of Kings for Epsom — heading the betting at 4-1, with Greek Dance 5-1 and City Honours 6-1. Cape Verdi is 9-4, with a run.

BIG-RACE DETAILS

Going: good

HIBERNIA FOODS IRISH 2,000 GUINEAS (Group I: 3-Y-O: £118,700: 1m)

1. DESERT PRINCE O Peslier, 8-1
2. Fa-Eq L Dettori, 7-2
3. Second Empire C Roche, 4-5 fav

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Bianconi (4th), 8 Two-Twenty-Two (6th), 100 Coconut Creek (5th), 200 Untold Story. 7 ran. 3l, 1l, 5l, 2l, 3l. D Loder (GB). Tote: £13.60; £4.60, £3.50. DF: £17.80. CSF: £33.92.

AIRLIE COOLMORE IRISH 1,000 GUINEAS (Group I: 3-Y-O: £84,250: 1m)

1. TARASCON J P Spencer, 12-1
2. Kitza J A Heffernan, 16-1
3. La Nuit Rose L Dettori, 9-4 fav

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Cloud Castle, 5 Shahtoush, 7 Sharp Catch, 12 Heed My Warning, 14 Crazee Mental (5th), Time Limit, 25 Mempari (6th), Winona (4th), 33 Attractive Crown, 50 Silica Key Service. 13 ran. Nk, 2l, sh hd, nk, ¾l. T Stack (Ire). Tote: £16.70; £4.10, £6.80, £1.90. DF: £157.50. CSF: £179.85.

JAMES MEEHAN



Second Empire, orange and blue, trails the winner, Desert Prince, in the Irish 2,000 Guineas on Saturday

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

2.05 Song Of Skye. 2.35 **FERNY HILL** (nap). 3.10 Lord Kintyre. 3.45 Labeq. 4.15 Desert Darling. 4.45 Titan. 5.20 Tough Leader.

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.45 LABEQ.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.05 Confidante. 2.35 KAYF TARA (nap). 4.45 Best Quest.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

2.05 BONUSPHOTO FILLIES HANDICAP (C4)
(£7,100: 7f 16yd) (10 runners)

101 (8) 0300-10 SLEEPLESS 23 (D,S) (Mrs A Scotney) N Graham 4-10-0 ... N Pollard (7) 97
102 (6) 020-502 PLAISIR D'AMOUR 8 (D,F,G,S) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 4-9-12 ... Pat Eddery 97
103 (5) 00-5440 PATSY GRIMES 16 (D,F,G,S) (J Grimes) J S Moore 8-9-11 ... P P Murphy (3) 95
104 (3) 3350-d1 VOLLEY 6 (F) (R Villiers) D Chappell 5-9-4 ... M Hills 101
105 (10) 2150-6 FILFILAH 22 (G) (H al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-8-12 ... R Hills 90
106 (1) 2040-06 SONG OF SKYE 31 (F) (E Penser) T Naughton 4-8-10 ... D Holland [illegible]
107 (7) 3-1 CONFIDANTE 23 (D,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 3-8-8 ... W R Swinburn 98+
108 (2) 100-000 DESERT LYNX 18 (S) (Mrs R Watson) T Watson 5-8-5 ... S Sanders 98
109 (9) 01450-0 FIRST VILLAGE 9 (G) (Dr G Tsoi) J Berry 3-8-4 ... C Lowther 96
110 (4) 1610-53 BOLD TINA 10 (D,F) (Mrs C Harrington) R Hannon 4-7-10 ... M Baird (3) 98

Long handicap: Bold Tina 7-9.

BETTING: 3-1 Confidante, 7-2 Volley, 6-1 Plaisir D'Amour, 7-1 Bold Tina, 8-1 Sleepless, Filfilah, 10-1 Patsy Grimes, 12-1 others.

1997: OUT LINE 5-7-10 N Varley (16-1) M Madgwick 9 ran

FORM FOCUS: Sleepless 6¼l 7th of 11 to Beauchamp King in handicap at Haydock (7f 30yd, good); previously beat Boater 5l in 20-runner handicap at Leicester (7f 9yd, soft). Plaisir D'Amour 1½l 2nd of 8 to Damaway in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). Patsy Grimes 5¾l 7th of 9 to Nanoushka in 3yo fillies listed stakes at Lingfield (7f, good). Volley disqualified after beating China Red neck in 12-runner handicap at Goodwood (1m, good to firm). Filfilah 7¼l 6th of 27 to Tom Dougal in 3yo handicap at Newmarket (1m, good). Song Of Skye 7½l 6th of 10 to Therhea in handicap at Sandown (1m 14yd, soft). Confidante beat Tankersley neck in 11-runner 3yo maiden stakes at Thirsk (7f, good). Desert Lynx 6¼l 8th of 18 to Star Invader in handicap at Chester (7f 122yd, good to firm). First Village 7¼l 11th of 13 to Torrent in 3yo handicap at Thirsk (5f, good to firm). Bold Tina neck 2nd of 14 to Bollin Frank in stakes at Nottingham (1m 54yd, firm).

CONFIDANTE recorded a decent time at Thirsk and the stiffer track will suit

2.35 BONUSPRINT HENRY II STAKES (C4)
(Group III: £25,720: 2m 78yd) (11 runners)

(3) 00145-6 DOUBLE TRIGGER 24 (CD,F,G,S) (R Huggins) M Johnston 7-9-3 ... M Roberts 129
(10) 141014- CANON CAN 219 (D,F,G,S) (Canon (Anglia) D A Ltd) H Cecil 5-9-1 ... K Fallon 128
(9) 5223-13 PERSIAN PUNCH 11 (CD,F,G,S) (J Smith) D Elsworth 5-9-1 ... W R Swinburn [illegible]
(4) 31211-0 THREE CHEERS 24 (V,F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-8-13 ... M Hills 121
(1) /05300- LORD JIM 135J (F,G,S) (Mrs S Thomas) Lord Huntingdon 6-8-12 ... R Cochrane 118
(2) /10-224 SACHO 11 (F) (J Henderson) J L Harris 5-8-12 ... J Weaver 122
(5) 2d161-3 SAMRAAN 24 (F,G,S) (K M Al-Mudhaf) J Dunlop 5-8-12 ... Pat Eddery 127
(11) 21311-2 FERNY HILL 9 (F) (Miss M Van Balel) W Muir 4-8-10 ... S Sanders 111
(8) 21-1 KAYF TARA 15 (G,S) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 4-8-10 ... L Dettori 108
(6) 5214-02 PALIO SKY 18 (F,G,S) (J Nasa) J Dunlop 4-8-10 ... O Peslier 114
(7) PURPLE LACE 23J (K Crabb) H Howe 6-8-9 ... A Mackay —

BETTING: 3-1 Persian Punch, 7-2 Kayf Tara, 9-2 Canon Can, 13-2 Samraan, 7-1 Three Cheers, 10-1 others

1997: PERSIAN PUNCH 4-8-10 R Cochrane (3-1) D Elsworth 7 ran

FORM FOCUS: Canon Can 8¼l 4th of 31 to Turnpole in handicap at Newmarket (2m 2f, good); previously beat Persian Punch (3lb better off) 1¼l in 5-runner group III stakes at Doncaster (2m 2f, good to firm) with Double Trigger (3lb better off) 7½l 4th. Persian Punch 1l 3rd of 6 to Busy Flight in group II stakes (1m 5f 194yd, good) with Sacho (3lb better off) 2½l 4th. Lord Jim 16l 8th of 10 to Kaliana in group III stakes at Newbury (1m 4f 5yd, good to soft). Samraan 2½l 3rd of 10 to Persian Punch in group III stakes at Newmarket (2m, good to soft) with Double Trigger (levels) 16l 6th and Three Cheers (1lb worse off) 27l 8th. Ferny Hill 4l 2nd of 8 to Yorkshire in stakes (listed) at (1m 5f 61yd, good to firm). Kayf Tara beat Street General 5l in 9-runner stakes at Haydock (2m 100yd, good to soft). Palio Sky neck 2nd of 6 to Stretarez in group III stakes at Chester (1m good to firm).

PERSIAN PUNCH can repeat last year's success after his good run last time

3.10 TRIPLEPRINT TEMPLE STAKES (C4)
(SHOWCASE RACE) (Group II: £36,745: 5f 6yd) (9 runners)

2/2010- COMPTON PLACE 277 (BF,D,F,G) (Duke Of Devonshire) J Toller 4-9-10 ... S Sanders 122
21114-2 ELNADIM 11 (BF,F,G) (H al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 4-9-7 ... R Hills 131
0050-01 BOLSHOI 16 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs D Brown) J Berry 6-9-3 ... C Lowther 118
62056-3 EASYCALL 23 (D,F,G,S) (Easycall Partnership) B Meehan 4-9-3 ... W R Swinburn 122
0112-02 MY BEST VALENTINE 23 (CD,F,G,S) (Valentines) V Soane 8-9-3 ... R Cochrane 128
100-100 PROUD NATIVE 11 (D,F,G,S) (P Savill) D Nicholls 4-9-3 ... Alex Greaves 124
62/080- TIPSY CREEK 220 (D,F) (H al-Maktoum) B Hanbury 4-9-3 ... Pat Eddery 100
3400-21 LOCHANGEL 15 (F,G) (J Smith) I Balding 4-9-0 ... L Dettori [illegible]
41242-2 LORD KINTYRE 39 (D,F) (M Calvert) B Millman 3-8-9 ... O Peslier 119

BETTING: 6-4 Elnadim, 9-2 Lochangel, 11-2 Compton Place, 8-1 Bolshoi, 10-1 Easycall, Lord Kintyre, 12-1 My Best Valentine, 20-1 others.

1997: CROFT POOL 6-9-3 G Carter (20-1) J Glover 10 ran

FORM FOCUS: Compton Place 16l 14th of 15 to Coastal Bluff in group 1 stakes at York (5f, good); previously beat Royal Applause 1¾l in 9-runner group I stakes at Newmarket (6f, good) with Easycall (7lb better off) 5th. Elnadim ½l 2nd of 10 to Bollin Joanne in group III stakes at York (6f, good) with Proud Native (1lb worse off) 5¾l 7th. Bolshoi beat Almaty sh hd in 6-runner stakes at Beverley (5f, good). My Best Valentine neck 2nd of 13 to Yorkies Boy in group III stakes at Newmarket (5f, good to soft) with Easycall (levels) 1l 3rd and Bolshoi (levels) 2l 7th. Tipsy Creek 10l 15th of 16 to My Best Valentine (1lb better off) in stakes (listed) at Newmarket (6f, good to soft). Lochangel beat Desert Lady in 9-runner 3yo fillies stakes listed at Bath (5f 161yd, good). Lord Kintyre 3½l 2nd of 8 to Yorkies Boy in stakes (listed) at Newmarket (5f, soft).

ELNADIM needed the run at York and promises to be even better at this trip

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

3.45 DOUBLEPRINT WHITSUN CUP RATED HANDICAP (C4)
(SHOWCASE RACE) (£15,520: 1m 14yd) (12 runners)

401 (8) 0121-55 STRAZO 9 (BF,D,F,G,S) (E Reitel) Lady Herries 5-9-8 ... R Cochrane 112
402 (4) 2/0206- PRINCE BABAR 319 (D,G,S) (G Prichard-Gordon) J Banks 7-9-6 ... Pat Eddery 100
403 (10) /101-02 LABEQ 21 (F) (H al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 4-9-5 ... R Hills [illegible]
404 (5) 1614-43 JORROCKS 23 (C,F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-9-4 ... L Dettori 109
405 (9) 0022-32 FOR YOUR EYES ONLY 11 (B,F,G) (R Griffin) T Easterby 4-9-0 ... J Weaver 109
406 (12) 0104-41 PARTY ROMANCE 8 (F,G) (A Ali) B Hanbury 4-9-0 ... K Fallon 102
407 (1) 56200-2 KING OF TUNES 58 (D,G,S) (Mrs E Sheehan) J Sheehan 6-8-12 ... R Hughes 108
408 (11) /65340- RAHEEM 311 (D) (B Kelany) R Fahey 5-8-11 ... M Roberts 80
409 (6) 0-14221 REFUSE TO LOSE 12 (D,G) (J Smith) J Eustace 4-8-8 ... J Tate 111
410 (3) 013-20 KOMISTAR 13 (F) (Class Act) P Harris 3-8-7 ... C Lowther 100
411 (7) 33100-0 DIAMOND WHITE 22 (F) (P Scott) G Bravery 3-8-6 ... N Pollard (7) 107
412 (2) 352-125 WUXI VENTURE 16 (BF,D,S) (Dr F Chao) S Woods 3-7-13 ... M Henry 111

Long handicap: Refuse To Lose 8-7.

BETTING: 9-2 Labeq, 5-1 Party Romance, 6-1 Jorrocks, King Of Tunes, 7-1 For Your Eyes Only, 8-1 others.

1997: INSATIABLE 4-9-4 M J Kinane (5-2 fav) M Stoute 17 ran

FORM FOCUS: Strazo 3l 5th of 6 to Damaway in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). Prince Babar 5½l 6th of 20 to Tumbleweed Ridge in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good). Labeq 2l 2nd of 19 to Tertium in handicap at Kempton (1m, good) with Strazo (5lb better off) 5¼l 5th. Jorrocks 1¾l 3rd of 11 to Beauchamp King in handicap at Haydock (7f 30yd, good). For Your Eyes Only 1l 2nd of 13 to Prince Of Denial in handicap at York (1m 2f 85yd, good). Party Romance beat Sky Dome neck in 19-runner handicap at Ripon (1m 2f, good). King Of Tunes neck 2nd of 23 to Hunters Of Brora in handicap at Doncaster (1m, good to soft). Refuse To Lose beat Danzino 3l in 11-runner handicap at Lingfield (1m, AW). Wuxi Venture 3¼l 5th of 10 to Chrysolite in 3yo handicap at Lingfield (1m 1f, good).

LABEQ ran a highly encouraging race at Kempton and looks worth supporting

4.15 EBF MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,566: 5f 6yd) (10 runners)

501 (9) ARBOR EALIS (Dr I Shenlan) H Howe 8-11 ... A Mackay —
502 (2) 3 DESERT DARLING 17 (Sussex Stud Ltd) J Berry 8-11 ... C Lowther 78
503 (6) 3 FEATHER 'N LACE 9 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-11 ... J Weaver 74
504 (1) 2 HASTY WORDS 17 (BF) (W Gredley) B Hills 8-11 ... M Hills 84
505 (3) LADY ANGHARAD (A Turnbull) A Jarvis 8-11 ... W R Swinburn —
506 (4) 4 LADY GEORGIA 13 (A Richards) C Brittain 8-11 ... O Peslier [illegible]
507 (7) LOCH FYNE (D Deer) W Muir 8-11 ... K Fallon —
508 (8) LV GIRL (Mrs C Richardson) G Balding 8-11 ... R Price —
509 (10) 0 MAXIME 21 (Capt C Ryan) B Meehan 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 67
510 (5) TRIPLE RAISE (J Smith) R Hannon 8-11 ... R Hughes —

BETTING: 7-2 Desert Darling, 4-1 Hasty Words, 5-1 Feather 'N Lace, Lady Georgia, 6-1 Maxime, 8-1 others.

1997: KILCORA 8-11 K Fallon (6-1) C Dwyer 10 ran

4.45 FAMILY DAY OUT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,713: 7f 16yd) (16 runners)

601 (2) 200011- CAVERSFIELD 210 (D,F,G) (W Kelly) R Hannon 9-7 ... W J O'Connor 76
602 (8) 23-445 BEDEVILLED 9 (D Caruth) M Heaton-Ellis 9-6 ... J Weaver 74
603 (16) 04540-4 QUIZ SHOW 14 (Lustford Manor Stud) R Hannon 9-3 ... R Hughes 79
604 (11) 03-10 DESERT MIRAGE 58 (BF) (Countess of Derby) P Chapple-Hyam 9-2 ... R Hills 74
605 (12) 050- ASSET MANAGER 215 (M al-Maktoum) M Johnston 9-2 ... D Holland [illegible]
606 (5) 16-0 SIMPLY SUPER 22 (B,G) (D Steff) C Brittain 9-2 ... O Peslier 69
607 (3) 4234-02 PIERPOINT 14 (F) (R Fahey) R Fahey 9-1 ... M Roberts 72
608 (10) 046- MAGIC POWERS 229 (Wizards) G Balding 9-0 ... R Price 67
609 (14) 00280-4 MOONSTONE 58 (Mrs D Brazier) A Jarvis 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 65
610 (1) 6554-0 THE MAGISTRATE 14 (J Oliver) M Blanshard 8-13 ... K Fallon 71
611 (9) 56-6 COCKSURE 48 (J Smith) J Eustace 8-12 ... J Tate 76
612 (4) 00-4 SUNSTREAK 17 (R Rice) C Wall 8-12 ... S Sanders 65
613 (13) 125-003 TITAN 6 (D,G) (J & S Nally) S Dow 8-12 ... R Cochrane 85
614 (7) 600-2 BEST QUEST 46 (Exors late H Allen) J Gosden 8-12 ... L Dettori 79
615 (15) 44-0 ELLWAY PRINCE 42 (Ellway Racing Partnership) I Balding 8-10 ... M Hills 74
616 (6) 45660-0 WATER FORCE 9 (B Atterborough) G Balding 8-7 ... A Mackay 72

BETTING: 5-1 Desert Mirage, 7-1 Quiz Show, Titan, 8-1 Pierpoint, Best Quest, 10-1 Caversfield, 12-1 others.

1997: PLAN FOR PROFIT 9-3 J Weaver (15-1) M Johnston 15 ran

5.20 SURREY RACING HANDICAP (£3,761: 1m 2f 7yd) (16 runners)

1 (14) 0-01413 TOUGH LEADER 55 (BF,F) (G Grayson) B Hanbury 4-10-0 ... R Hughes [illegible]
2 (6) -802241 PREMIER GENERATION 10 (D,F,S) (Mrs W Oram) D Arbuthnot 5-9-13 ... K Fallon 79
3 (15) 06550-0 SHARE DELIGHT 28 (F) (Miss V Owen) D Nicholls 4-9-9 ... Alex Greaves 76
4 (2) 5/33-00 DRIVE ASSURED 33 (P Head) C Brittain 4-9-9 ... O Peslier 68
5 (11) /0300-4 DIMINUTIVE 14 (D,F) (Rainsbury Partnership) J Hills 5-9-6 ... R Hills 71
6 (8) 420050- DIZZY TILLY 180 (D,G,S) (Mrs S Leach) T Naughton 4-9-0 ... D Holland 78
7 (3) 30140-5 THATCHMASTER 10 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 7-9-0 ... D O'Donohoe 86
8 (5) 14000-0 MUTADARRA 24 (D,F,G) (Mrs R Brown) W Musson 5-9-0 ... Pat Eddery 69
9 (12) 123-100 STATAJACK 11 (B,D,F,G,S) (Notschalling Pnrs) D Elsworth 10-8-12 ... N Pollard (7) 78
10 (9) 21451-4 ABSOLUTE UTOPIA 10 (D,G) (M Lawrence) N Berry 5-8-11 ... L Dettori 80
11 (16) /50214- AGENT MULDER 349 (BF,G) (P Cundell) P Cundell 4-8-11 ... R Cochrane 78
12 (13) 02-0320 IMPETUS 25 (N Hetherton) J Hetherton 4-8-6 ... M Roberts 82
13 (7) 2300-42 ATLANTIC MIST 21 (B,C,F,S) (Wardour Partnership) B Millman 5-8-5 ... S Sanders 73
14 (1) 6353-40 ROYAL LEGEND 9 (J Reck) R Flower 6-8-1 ... C Lowther 80
15 (4) -133300 BILLADDIE 9 (D) (R Gurr) R Flower 5-8-0 ... A Mackay 74
16 (10) 3200-00 SAN GLAMORE MELODY 10 (949 Racing) R Ingram 4-7-13 ... M Baird (3) 64

BETTING: 5-1 Premier Generation, 7-1 Tough Leader, Absolute Utopia, 8-1 Diminutive, Atlantic Mist, 10-1 Thatchmaster, Statajack, Agent Mulder, 12-1 others.

1997: FAHS 5-9-4 T Quinn (13-2) R Akehurst 16 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S bin Suroor	8	16	50.0	J Tate	7	26	26.9
J Berry	7	32	21.9	Pat Eddery	53	228	23.2
C Wall	5	24	20.8	L Dettori	48	216	22.2
H Cecil	15	73	20.5	K Fallon	11	63	17.5
P Chapple-Hyam	6	31	19.4	J Weaver	10	66	15.2

Apprentice excels on reformed Tarascon

BY CHRIS MCGRATH

THERE could be no more enchanting contrast to the previous day's events than the success of Tarascon in the Airlie Coolmore Irish 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh yesterday. While his most senior colleague, Christy Roche, defended his riding of the beaten favourite in the Irish 2,000 Guineas, a teenage apprentice could exult in the exemplary ride he gave this difficult filly to win a first classic. It will not be his last.

Jamie Spencer probably demonstrated as much horsemanship in staying in the saddle after the post, so convulsively was he punching the air, as in producing Tarascon to collar Kitza a stride before the line. There was a delighted roar to greet Spencer, 17, as he returned to the winner's enclosure in tears.

Tarascon had finished tailed off in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket, having paid a painful price for her violent neurosis in the stalls. Tommy Stack, her trainer, said: "After she behaved like that, I thought she'd need someone who would be relaxed and had plenty of courage. And this lad has good hands, plenty of brains — and he's cool."

Spencer, riding just his 37th winner, is the son of George, who trained Winning Fair to win the 1963 Champion Hurdle. Tarascon will now seek another classic — at Chantilly, Epsom or back here — and William Hill makes her 14-1 from 33-1 for the Vodafone Oaks. (Cape Verdi is even money, with a run. Bahr 9-4, and Midnight Line 3-1.)

Having travelling sweetly, Godolphin's La Nuit Rose faded into third, but Sheikh Mohammed's operation hit the bull's eye in the Tattersalls Gold Cup with Daylami. The grey, purchased from the Aga Khan after a fine season over a mile at three, proved well suited by ten furlongs here.

Grant Pritchard-Gordon, racing manager to Khaled Abdulla, is to stand down at the end of this season. Pritchard-Gordon, who has held the post for 15 years, will remain part of the Juddmonte Group.

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER

2.30 Silk St John. 3.00 Exit To Somewhere. 3.30 Casino Captive. 4.05 Shalateeno. 4.35 Lady Peppiatt. 5.05 Newlands Corner.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.30 ST MELLONS LIMITED STAKES
(£3,404: 1m 14yd) (6 runners)

1 3340 EUROBOX BOY 59 (D,F,B) A Jarvis 5-9-6 ... W Ryan 6
2 40d1 SILK ST JOHN 3 (D,G) M Ryan 4-9-6 ... J Reid 5
3 4-15 AMENIXA 15 (D,S) S Woods 4-9-5 ... N Day 3
4 0-34 SAFFRON ROSE 25 (BF,D,G,S) M Blanshard 4-9-3 ... C Rutter 4
5 030- CHIEF CASHIER 227 G Balding 3-8-8 ... S Drowne 1
6 36-0 CHUNITO 21 P Hobbs 3-8-8 ... S Whitworth 2

7-4 Silk St John, 3-1 Amenixa, 9-2 Saffron Rose, 6-1 Eurobox Boy, 7-1 Chief Cashier, 14-1 Chunito

3.00 ST BRIAVELS MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,664: 1m 14yd) (11)

1 ADULATION P Chapple-Hyam 4-9-10 ... J Reid 7
2 0- MY BROTHER 246 Simon Earle 4-9-10 ... J Lowe 6
3 0 WINNIE 22 J Akehurst 4-9-5 ... T Quinn 8
4 2-43 EXIT TO SOMEWHERE 11 (BF) H Cecil 3-8-12 ... W Ryan 3
5 GLAIZE E Dunlop 3-8-12 ... M Tebbutt 2
6 POLISH SPIRIT B Millman 3-8-12 ... A Daly (3) 5
7 00 ROYAL PARADE 17 J Bradley 3-8-12 ... J F Egan 1
8 00 ASA AVONMOUTH 7 Mrs P Dutfield 3-8-7 ... C Rutter 4
9 00- MEMPHIS DANCER 263 J Hills 3-8-7 ... N Adams 9
10 65- SURE QUEST 210 D Arbuthnot 3-8-7 ... S Whitworth 11
11 4-5 ZANY LADY 11 R Hodges 3-8-7 ... S Drowne 10

8-13 Exit To Somewhere, 6-1 Adulation, 8-1 Glaize, Memphis Dancer, 12-1 Sure Quest, 16-1 Winnie, Zany Lady, 33-1 others.

3.30 ST ARVANS NOVICE STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,453: 1m 4f 23yd) (6)

1 1 CASINO CAPTIVE 20 (G) P Chapple-Hyam 9-4 ... J Reid 6
2 16-4 WALES 11 (G) P Cole 9-4 ... T Quinn 5
3 6-25 HADAYIK 16 (F) P Walwyn 8-13 ... W Ryan 4
4 00 KING OF MOMMUR 9 B Meehan 8-12 ... M Tebbutt 2
5 4 MONET 22 P Chapple-Hyam 8-12 ... S Whitworth 1
6 2000 WATKINS 11 M A Buckley 8-12 ... J Gracey (7) 3

4-6 Casino Captive, 7-2 Hadayik, 9-2 Wales, 12-1 Monet, 33-1 King Of Mommur, Watkins

4.05 E B F ST ATHAN FILLIES HANDICAP
(£6,775: 1m 4f 23yd) (8)

1 -032 SHALATEENO 7 (BF,C,D,F,G) B Millman 5-10-0 ... A Daly (3) 1
2 0-33 HAPPY GO LUCKY 7 (F,S) M J Weeden 4-9-12 ... F Tynan (7) 7
3 -505 VENETIAN SCENE 11 (D,S) M Pipe 4-9-7 ... T Quinn 3
4 5-11 CHEEK TO CHEEK 7 (D,F) C Cyzer 4-9-7 (6ex) ... W Ryan 8
5 2151 LUCKY BEGONIA 14 A Carroll 5-9-2 ... G Carver (7) 2
6 6-56 HOLLOW HAZE 23 P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-0 ... J Reid 4
7 3-45 MIMOSA 6J (F) M Pitman 5-8-6 ... K Sked (5) 6
8 6-44 PHANTOM WATERS 14 R Johnson Houghton 3-8-2 ... C Rutter 5

11-4 Shalateeno, 4-1 Happy Go Lucky, 9-2 Cheek To Cheek, 6-1 Lucky Begonia, 8-1 Venetian Scene, Hollow Haze, 10-1 Phantom Waters, 12-1 Mimosa.

4.35 ST WEONARDS SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,276: 6f 16yd) (6)

1 254 BOREHILL JOKER 30 W G M Turner 8-11 ... D McGaffin (7) 1
2 CABLE MEDIA BOY S Kettlewell 8-11 ... T Quinn 4
3 0 JAMPET 15 A Barrow 8-11 ... J Lowe 2
4 33 WELSH ASSEMBLY 30 G Enright 8-11 ... A Eddery (7) 3
5 006 CASHIKI 18 B Palling 8-6 ... W Ryan 6
6 0 LADY PEPPIATT 9 J S Moore 8-6 ... P P Murphy (3) 5

6-4 Welsh Assembly, 9-4 Borehill Joker, 4-1 Cashiki, 10-1 Jampet, 14-1 Cable Media Boy, Lady Peppiatt.

5.05 ST BRIDES FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,534: 6f 16yd) (14)

1 0-20 RICH IN LOVE 12 (D,F) C Cyzer 4-10-0 ... W Ryan 1
2 00-0 CENTRE COURT 9 (G) R Hannon 3-9-7 ... P Fitzsimons (7) 11
3 3531 L'ESTABLE FLEURIE 20 (F) P Makin 3-9-4 ... J Reid 6
4 3530 HEAVENLY ABSTONE 19 (V,F,S) P Evans 3-9-2 ... J F Egan 14
5 00-0 ANITA AT DAWN 45 (D,S) B Palling 3-9-2 ... C Rutter 9
6 400- LADY YAVANNA 258 P Cole 3-9-0 ... T Quinn 10
7 0036 STRAT'S QUEST 25 (CD,S) D Arbuthnot 4-9-0 ... Malin Svanberg (7) 13
8 60-4 ALAMODE 18 (F) J G Smyth-Osbourne 4-8-10 ... R Havlin (3) 12
9 -000 TINKER OSMASTON 7 (C,D,F,S) R Hodges 7-8-9 ... S Drowne 3
10 0-00 NEWLANDS CORNER 7 (B,D,F) J Akehurst 5-8-9 ... D Biggs 8
11 3-00 DARE KITE 14 P Walwyn 3-8-7 ... J Lowe 5
12 -430 GRACE 20 (BF) J Bradley 4-8-6 ... A Daly (3) 7
13 0600 DAYRELLA 7 (D,F) W Muir 4-8-5 ... N Day 4
14 00-0 RAMBOLD 17 (CD,F,G) N Berry 7-8-0 ... N Adams 2

6-1 L'Estable Fleurie, Strat's Quest, 7-1 Heavenly Abstone, Tinker Osmaston, Grace, 10-1 Rich In Love, Dare Kite, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Evans, 3 winners from 11 runners, 27.3%; P Chapple-Hyam, 9 from 37, 24.3%; D Arbuthnot, 7 from 35, 20.0%; H Cecil, 4 from 22, 18.2%; B Millman, 6 from 35, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: M Tebbutt, 3 winners from 13 rides, 23.1%; R Havlin, 6 from 33, 18.2%; J Reid, 12 from 72, 16.7%; P P Murphy, 4 from 26, 15.4%; W Ryan, 6 from 40, 15.0%; S Whitworth, 8 from 61, 13.1%.

FONTWELL PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Rainbow Star. 2.30 Stapleford Lady. 3.00 Secret Service. 3.30 The Mine Captain. 4.00 Gerry's Pride. 4.30 High Padre.

Carl Evans: 4.30 Young Brave.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.00 HAYLING JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £2,306: 2m 2f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 1P21 RAINBOW STAR 5 (B,F,S) M Pipe 11-10 ... C Maude
2 240 ANNOUNCING 53 (B) G L Moore 10-12 ... G Bradley
3 F03F MASTER BOBBY 12 R Flower 10-12 ... T Dascombe
4 035 SHARP DEED 81 M Madgwick 10-12 ... J Goldstein (5)
5 U05 THE GREEN GREY 12 W Muir 10-12 ... A Bates (3)
6 3054 ZAFARELLI 19 J Jenkins 10-12 ... P Hide
7 040 LAGUNA BAY 21 G McCourt 10-7 ... R Hobson (7)
8 4342 SOVEREIGN 28 M Muggeridge 10-7 ... S Curran

11-8 Rainbow Star, 15-8 Announcing, 10-1 Master Bobby, Zafarelli, Sovereign, 14-1 Sharp Deed, 20-1 Laguna Bay, 25-1 The Green Grey

2.30 FONTWELL SELLING HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,023: 2m 2f) (15)

1 6-40 KETCHICAN 18 S Knight 8-11-10 ... D Salter (3)
2 5F33 DOCKLANDS COURIER 24 R Phillips 6-11-5 ... Miss V Roberts (7)
3 6040 STAPLEFORD LADY 12 (D,F) J S Moore 10-11-5 ... G Bradley
4 54P0 GABISH 4 (CD,F,B) B Scriven 13-11-3 ... G Supple (5)
5 2P35 NATIVE VENTURE 16 (G,S) T Casey 10-11-3 ... V Slattery
6 3P2P HALHAM TARN 33 (S) H Manners 8-11-2 ... A Dowling (7)
7 2550 ROYAL CIRCUS 91 (D,F,G) P Hiatt 9-11-2 ... P Hide
8 P-34 BEAUFAN 8 (B,F,G) P Bowen 11-11-1 ... B Powell
9 6-20 DORMSTON BOYO 21 T Wall 8-10-12 ... Mr J Tizzard (3)
10 56-3 SIDE BAR 81 (V,D,G) K Comerford 8-10-11 ... C Maude
11 3560 MIRAMARE 17 (F) A Hobbs 8-10-9 ... T Dascombe
12 /63- SEACHEST 390 Miss V Stephens 9-10-9 ... Miss V Stephens
13 PP30 JOKER JACK 8 (F,S) R Dean 13-10-5 ... A Procter
14 /00P DILLON 32 M Madgwick 8-10-5 ... J Goldstein (5)
15 04PP COTTAGE COUNSEL 32 (G) Mrs L Jewell 6-10-5 ... Mr E Byrne (7)

4-1 Native Venture, 9-2 Halham Tarn, 5-1 Docklands Courier, 8-1 Beaufan, 10-1 Ketchican, Dormston Boyo, 12-1 Stapleford Lady, Miramare, 14-1 others.

3.00 TED TRIGGS MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,427: 2m 2f 110yd) (9)

1 4124 DOCTOOR 42 (S) M Pipe 8-12-0 ... S Curran
2 0203 SECRET SERVICE 17 (G,S) C Brewell 6-11-5 ... G Bradley
3 4120 TOTALLY YOURS 5 (V,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-11-5 ... C Maude
4 43FP MAZZINI 145 (F,G) R Rowe 7-10-13 ... A Garrity (7)
5 3255 HAL HOO YAROOM 21 (F) J Jenkins 5-10-10 ... P Hide
6 0230 LAAZIM AFOOZ 19 R Phillips 5-10-3 ... J Leech
7 3433 GAME DILEMMA 20 (F,G) J Mullins 7-10-1 ... A Bates (3)
8 0400 JOVIE KING 21 (CD,F,G) R Buckler 6-10-0 ... B Powell
9 25PF NORTH END LADY 13 (F,S) Mrs L Jewell 7-10-0 ... Mr E Byrne (7)

4-1 Game Dilemma, 9-2 Hal Hoo Yaroom, 5-1 Doctoor, Laazim Afooz, 11-2 Totally Yours, 13-2 Secret Service, 8-1 Jovie King, 12-1 others

3.30 THORNFIELD HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,290: 3m 2f 110yd) (5)

1 1223 MUTUAL AGREEMENT 17 (BF,CD,F,G,S) P Nicholls 11-11-10 ... Mr J Tizzard (3)
2 4FU2 THE MINE CAPTAIN 13 (F,G) O Sherwood 11-11-7 ... G Upton
3 -P15 SPRING TO GLORY 73 (F,G) P Hayward 11-10-6 ... B Powell
4 6136 TRUST DEED 17 (B,F,G) S Knight 10-10-3 ... D Salter (3)
5 3436 MESCAF 21 (B,C,F,G) R Rowe 8-10-1 ... P Hide

15-8 The Mine Captain, 7-2 Mutual Agreement, 4-1 Mescaf, 9-2 Spring To Glory, 5-1 Trust Deed

4.00 DRAYTON HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,198: 2m 6f 110yd) (8)

1 P625 GERRY'S PRIDE 5 (BF,CD,F,G,S) J Mullins 7-11-10 ... A Bates (3)
2 00P1 TUWUN 14 (F) G Johnson Houghton 6-11-6 ... G Bradley
3 5035 BORN TO PLEASE 13 (F) P Hobbs 6-11-0 ... B Powell
4 PU3U VICEROY RULER 8P (G,S) H Manners 7-10-11 ... A Dowling (7)
5 -651 IRISH DELIGHT 33 (S) R Curtis 6-10-7 ... J Leech
6 50-0 ROAD TO AU BON 17 (F) R Baker 10-10-7 ... V Slattery
7 2034 WIN A HAND 21 B Ryall 8-10-6 ... T Dascombe
8 3000 CODE RED 105 R Hoad 5-10-0 ... S Curran

3-1 Born To Please, 7-2 Gerry's Pride, Irish Delight, 5-1 Tuwun, Win A Hand, 14-1 Road To Au Bon, 16-1 Code Red, 20-1 Viceroy Ruler

4.30 FONTWELL PARK HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,032: 3m 2f 110yd) (5)

1 2341 HIGH PADRE 12 (F,G,S) Mrs P Cumings 12-12-7 ... M Portman (7)
2 F022 YOUNG BRAVE 12 (D,F,G,S) Miss L Airey 12-12-0 ... J D Moore (7)
3 4PP4 ALANSFORD 30P (G) Mrs A Farrant 11-11-7 ... C Gordon (7)
4 2PP1 NANDA MOON 21P (B,F,G) K Giles 11-11-7 ... Mrs E Coveney (7)
5 5U64 PINOCCIO 12 (F) D O'Brien 11-11-7 ... J Tizzard (3)

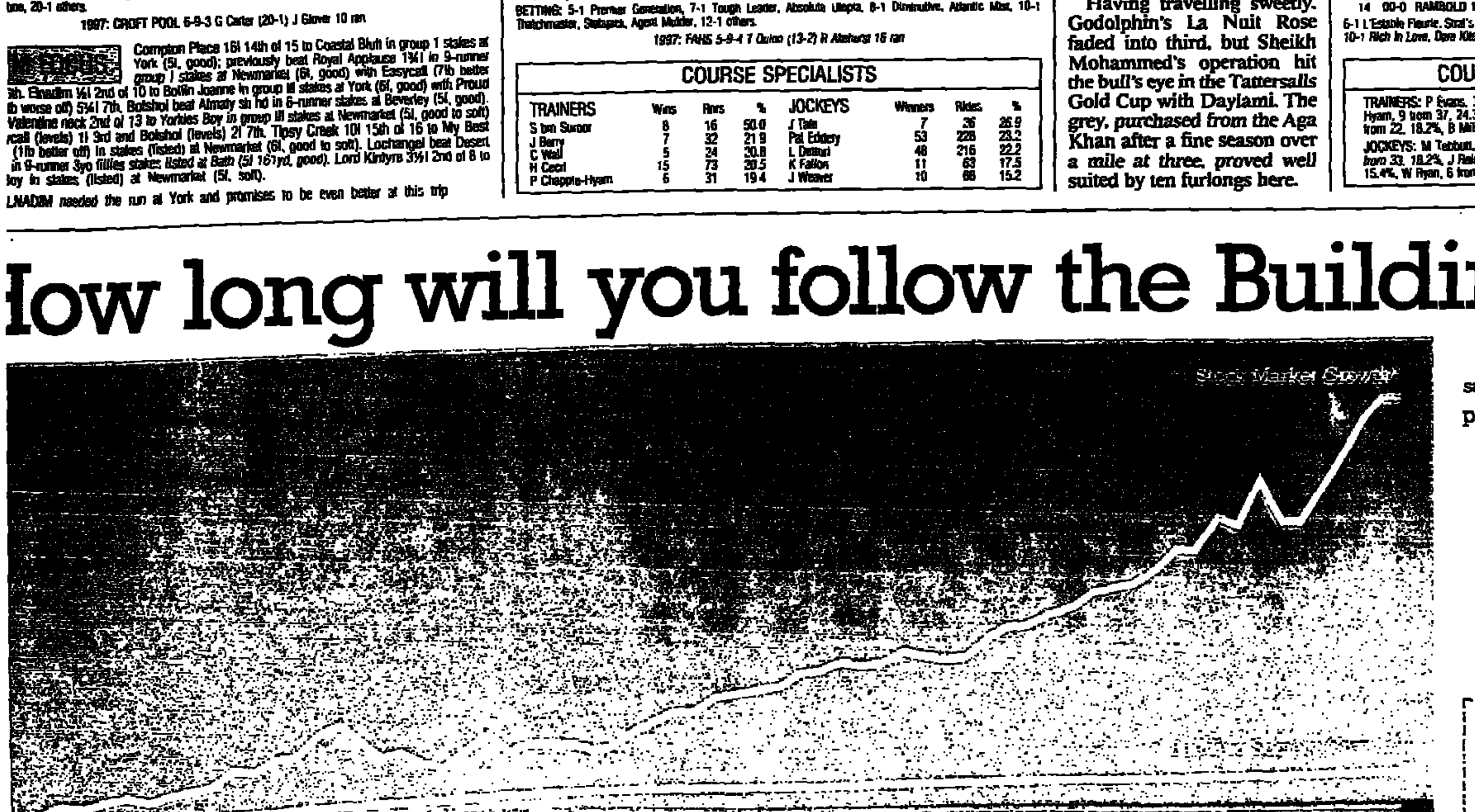
11-8 Young Brave, 13-8 High Padre, 4-1 Nanda Moon, 14-1 Alansford, 20-1 Pinoccio

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Nicholls, 19 winners from 45 runners, 42.2%; G McCourt, 3 from 11, 27.3%; M Pipe, 21 from 81, 25.9%; R Buckler, 19 from 78, 24.4%; P Hobbs, 10 from 48, 20.8%.

JOCKEYS: Mr J Tizzard, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%; G Bradley, 8 from 36, 22.2%; P Hide, 21 from 113, 18.6%; B Powell, 16 from 127, 12.6%

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RACING

Jones closes on title with four winners

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

PIP JONES, the talented but often luckless Welsh rider, has deservedly put both hands on the national women's championship by riding four winners at the Tredegar Farmers' meeting on Saturday.

Jones, 29, still refuses to talk about holding the trophy, but the chances of her nearest rival, reigning champion Shirley Vickery who was out of luck at a meeting in Somerset, making up a deficit of ten (30 to 20) are thin.

Jones has had several title near-misses and some terrible falls, including one which resulted in severe head injuries in a hurdle race at Nottingham in 1992, so few people will begrudge the champion-elect her comfortable margin in the remaining two weeks of the season.

A saunter for Warren Boy in the hunt race initiated the winning run for Jones and she collected the next three races on New Ross (restricted), Hal's Prince (confined) and Touch 'N' Pass (mixed open). It was not great racing, the ground was too firm for that, but it provided the sort of results which decide titles.

"All four horses are sound and in good shape and that is the most important thing," Jones said yesterday. "I try to concentrate on what I'm doing and don't usually follow how my rivals are faring at other meetings, but I admit curiosity got the better of me when I got home and I did phone for the results to see how Shirley got on."

Touch 'N' Pass's victory was a poignant one for the Caerphilly rider, as the winner's trophy, the Lloyd Jones Memorial, is named after her father, who was killed in a point-to-point. "I was three at the time and both my mum and I hated the sport after that," she said. "Tim [her brother] still loved it and used to go on his own, while mum and I went show jumping. We regret now that when Tim started riding we weren't there to see him — then one day he got me a ride in a race and I was hooked too."

Tim Mitchell's victory on Leejay Luki (5-2) at the Dulverton East took him to 30, one behind Andrew Dalton in the men's title, but Julian Pritchard is closing fast — his double at the Melton Hunt Club, on Mr Motivator and Mounthenry Star (who beat Titus Andronicus and Shake Five), left him two off the lead.

McCoy in the wars

TONY McCOY, the champion National Hunt jockey, was taken to hospital yesterday after a fall during the Marlborough Cup timber race at Barbury Castle in Wiltshire, won by Symbol Of Success (Carl Evans writes).

McCoy's mount, the ten-year-old Merry Gale, trained in Ireland by Jim Dreaper, took a heavy fall at the first ditch. Although the course doctor said McCoy was not badly injured, he was taken to hospital for a precautionary X-ray. Only six of the 14 starters finished.

The favourite, Saluter, trained by Jim Fisher in Maryland, won this event last year, but fell at the fourth-last jump when making ground.

Symbol Of Success, ridden by Richard Johnson, beat High Alltitude, partnered by Brendan Powell, and Equity Player by four lengths and a distance.

The winning trainer, Dai Williams, said: "That was brilliant. The horse will now get his chance to try and win next year's Virginia Gold Cup in America, and land the $100,000 bonus."

CARTMEL

THUNDERER

2.00 Racing Hawk. 2.35 Furietto. 3.10 The Toaster. 3.45 Slaught Son. 4.20 Alcalali. 4.55 Royal Barge.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.00 DODSON & HORRELL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,475: 2m 1f 110yd) (19 runners)

1 4333 REINHARDT 10F (BBF) L Lloyd-James 5-11-10 M Newton (7)
2 4353 RACING HAWK 23 (S) P Bowen 6-11-9 W Marston
3 0001 SALINGER 24 (D,G,S) F Murtagh 10-11-6 A Dobbin
4 -004 SEA GOD 14 M Chapman 7-11-5 W Worthington
5 14/F CARIBBEAN SURFER 11 (B) P Eccles 9-11-4 M Atkins
6 13-0 TSANGA 345 (F) G M Moore 6-11-3 N Bentley
7 4R02 FATHER EDDIE 15F (S) M Sowerby 4-11-2 S Taylor (3)
8 400P PLAYMAKER 52 Mrs S Smith 5-10-10 S Pantit (7)
9 5501 PRIDDY FAIR 12 (F,G) D Barker 5-10-10 R Wilkinson (5)
10 12-0 CLOVER GIRL 17F (V,CD,F,G) B Ellison 7-10-10 E Callaghan
11 0P42 RINUS MAJOR 12 M Todhunter 7-10-7 N Horrocks (5)
12 0053 EXCLUSION 8 (F) J Hetherton 9-10-7 R Garritty
13 060 ORIEL LAD 100 Miss K Milligan 5-10-1 N Hannity (7)
14 P5B0 BOWLANDS COUNTRY 12 (V) D McNair 7-10-0 D J Moffatt
15 4-UP BRIDLINGTON BAY 30 (V) M Sowerby 5-10-0 K Johnson
16 -P00 STRETCHING 8 Mrs L Williamson 5-10-0 O Pears
17 -308 LASER LIGHT LADY 21 M Waring 6-10-0 D Bentley
18 P00- ORINOCO VENTURE 7F (B) B Baugh 7-10-0 P Henley (3)
19 /OPP GALAXY RAIN 12 (S) J Haynes 7-10-0 L Jardine (7)

9-2 Salinger, 13-2 Rinus Major, 7-1 Reinhardt, Priddy Fair, 8-1 Racing Hawk, Father Eddie, 10-1 Sea God. Exclusion, 12-1 others.

2.35 VICTORIA TRADING LTD NOVICES CHASE (£3,080: 2m 5f 110yd) (7)

1 0PUP TWO FOR ONE 83 (F,B) Miss Russell 8-11-12 Mr M Bradburne (5)
2 3F4P FERN LEADER 16 (S) C Grant 8-11-8 E Callaghan
3 F416 SALEM BEACH 11 (F,S) M Todhunter 6-11-1 A Dobbin
4 2245 FURIETTO 21 (F,S) M Hammond 8-11-0 R Garritty
5 0000 RIVA'S BOOK 24 (F) Mrs L Williamson 7-11-0 S Taylor (3)
6 4300 WILLIE WANNABE 2 M Chapman 8-11-0 W Worthington
7 0-4 PICARD 64P F Murphy 5-10-7 N Hannity (7)

2-1 Fern Leader, 5-2 Furietto, 4-1 Salem Beach, 8-1 Picard, 10-1 Two For One, 12-1 Riva's Book, 14-1 Willie Wannabe.

3.10 BURLINGTON SLATE HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £3,118: 2m 5f 110yd) (8)

1 0539 BETTER TIMES AHEAD 11 (C,D,6,S) G Richards 12-12-0 C Wilson (7)
2 2351 WISE ADVICE 12 (F) M Hammond 8-11-9 C Bonner (3)
3 2340 THE TOASTER 21 (F,S) Miss Milligan 11-11-4 Miss P Robson (5)
4 112F CUMBERLAND BLUES 130 (D,F,S) A Lockwood 9-11-1 Miss A Deniel (7)
5 2322 PARIAH 12 (S) M Todhunter 9-10-11 M Bradburne (5)
6 24-8 BUYERS DREAM 19 (V,F,G) B Ellison 8-10-10 R Hale (5)
7 -R43 UNCLE BERT 23 (F,G,S) Miss L Russell 8-10-7 C Storey (5)
8 3214 KARENASTINO 16 (S) Mrs S Smith 7-10-0 B Gibson (7)

5-2 Wise Advice, 4-1 Pariah, 9-2 Better Times Ahead, 6-1 Cumberland Blues, 7-1 The Toaster, Karenastino, 10-1 Uncle Bert, 25-1 Buyers Dream.

3.45 STANLEY LEISURE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,436: 3m 2f) (6)

1 2-1F SLAUGHT SON 16 (BF,F,G,S) M Todhunter 10-12-0 A Dobbin
2 35P2 JUBRAN 12 (F) J Dodds 12-10-8 R Garritty
3 PP/2 SWEET CISSAUX 8 (B,S) P Bowen 5-10-0 W Marston
4 -P55 SOLOMAN SPRINGS 20 (F) Mrs V Ward 8-10-0 P Henley (3)
5 3034 THIRTY BELOW 2 (F) M Chapman 9-10-0 W Worthington
6 5036 BALMORAL PRINCESS 24 (B,F) D McCain 5-10-0 S Taylor (3)

7-4 Slaught Son, 3-1 Jubran, 7-2 Sweet Cissaux, 8-1 Soloman Springs, Thirty Below, 10-1 Balmoral Princess.

4.20 CROWTHER HOMES JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,736: 2m 1f 110yd) (5)

1 1R32 ALCALALI 19 (G) M Hammond 11-0 N Horrocks (5)
2 00P0 CANADIAN FANTASY 86 Mrs V Ward 10-12 P Henley (3)
3 CHANGE 353F W Reed 10-12 N Bentley
4 0060 NORTHERN FLASH 5 (B) J Haynes 10-12 A Dobbin
5 820 SHALAAL 67 M Chapman 10-12 W Worthington

4-7 Alcalali, 2-1 Shalaal, 14-1 Change, 25-1 Canadian Fantasy, Northern Flash.

4.55 SWAN HOTEL AT NEWBY BRIDGE MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,993: 2m 6f) (12)

1 3236 BASINCROFT 12 D Barker 5-11-5 D Bentley
2 00-0 COUP DE VENT 12 Mrs V Ward 6-11-5 P Henley (3)
3 00 IGLOO 56 M Muttitreasur 6-11-5 S Taylor (3)
4 4006 MY BUSTER 21 Miss K Milligan 6-11-5 D Parker
5 8323 ROYAL BARGE 10 (S) P Bowen 8-11-5 W Marston
6 /0/0 TANGO IN PARIS 30 (B) Mrs E Moscrop 8-11-5 K Johnson
7 PP-4 WHATASHOT 10 D McCain 8-11-5 A Dobbin
8 0006 WILLIE HORNE 11 M Todhunter 5-11-5 N Horrocks (5)
9 004 DAWN'S DELLA 23 Mrs S Smith 5-11-0 D J Moffatt
10 FR HYNDBURN BRIDGE 21 Mrs S Smith 7-11-0 R Wilkinson (5)
11 000 SAPHANE 31 S Brookshaw 5-11-0 E Callaghan
12 000 STORMYROYALE 11 Miss L Russell 6-11-0 Mr M Bradburne (5)

5-4 Royal Barge, 9-2 Basincroft, Dawn's Della, 8-1 My Buster, 12-1 Willie Horne, 14-1 Whatashot, 25-1 Igloo, Hyndburn Bridge, Stormyroyale, 33-1 others.

WETHERBY

THUNDERER

2.15 Alpine Hideaway. 2.45 Toskano. 3.15 Lansdowne. 3.50 Hermes Harvest. 4.20 Satin Lover. 4.50 Wynyard Lady.

Carl Evans: 4.20 Satin Lover.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.15 NATIONAL RIDING WEEK NOVICES HURDLE (£2,898: 2m) (6 runners)

1 4341 ALPINE HIDEAWAY 9F (D,F) M W Easterby 5-11-7 A S Smith
2 4P13 CALON LAN 65 (D,S) N Henderson 7-11-7 J R Kavanagh
3 2612 KATHRYN'S PET 30 (BF,D,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-2 M H Naughton (5)
4 MIRUS 870F Ron Thompson 5-11-0 B Storey
5 04P0 WILLIAM RUFUS 14 O Brennan 7-11-0 M Brennan
6 0 DISPOL GEM 65 A Dickie 5-10-9 D Parker

7-4 Kathryn's Pet, 9-4 Alpine Hideaway, 5-2 Calon Lan, 10-1 Dispol Gem, 14-1 William Rufus, 50-1 Mirus.

2.45 CATTERTON NOVICES CHASE (£3,435: 3m 1f) (5)

1 0211 TOSKANO 3 (CD,F) D Williams 6-12-6 Mr S Durack (3)
2 P6PP THE ENERGISER 12 (F) D Lamb 12-11-8 J Burke
3 P686 QUIXALL CROSSETT 5 E Caine 13-11-2 Mr J Crowley (7)
4 P3PF SINGLE SOURCING 16 (F,S) A Whillans 7-11-2 B Storey
5 RP00 TARTAN TEDDY 16 W Reed 8-11-2 T Reed

1-4 Toskano, 4-1 Single Sourcing, 20-1 The Energiser, 25-1 Tartan Teddy, 33-1 Quixall Crossett.

3.15 BILBROUGH CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,355: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1 6/0- STORM DANCE 897 Ron Thompson 7-12-0 B Storey
2 542P ONCE MORE FOR LUCK 27 (C,F,6,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-6 M H Naughton (5)
3 3011 LANSDOWNE 26 (D,6,S) P Nicholls 10-11-2 L Cummins (5)
4 1233 ORANGE IMP 19 (6) J FitzGerald 5-11-1 F Leahy (3)
5 5432 CURRENT SPEECH 24 (C,S) Mrs S Smith 7-10-12 G F Ryan (3)
6 0P2P OAKBURY 5 (B) Miss L Siddall 6-10-12 T Siddall (7)

5-4 Lansdowne, 5-2 Once More For Luck, 7-2 Orange Imp, 7-1 Current Speech, 25-1 Oakbury, 66-1 Storm Dance.

3.50 GODFREY LONG HANDICAP CHASE (£4,720: 3m 1f) (7)

1 0031 HERMES HARVEST 10 (D,F,6,S) D Williams 10-12-0 Mr S Durack (3)
2 324U RANDOM HARVEST 10 (G) Mrs M Reveley 9-11-0 L Wyer
3 40-0 DE JORDAAN 19 (C,F,G) W Cunningham 11-10-10 N Smith
4 1P21 DROAN RECITAL 19 (CD,6,S) O Brennan 9-10-6 M Brennan
5 4114 KIVETON TYCOON 5 (B,F,G,S) B Gee 9-10-5 L Cummins (5)
6 U2F2 BEMS LAD 14 (BF,D,F,G) Mrs S Smith 11-10-4 G F Ryan (3)
7 1P6F RUSSIAN CASTLE 10 (F,G) J Wade 9-10-1 B Storey

2-1 Organ Recital, 11-4 Hermes Harvest, 9-2 Gems Lad, 5-1 Random Harvest, 8-1 Russian Castle, 16-1 Kiveton Tycoon, 25-1 De Jordaan

4.20 GUY CUNARD HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,308: 2m 4f 110yd) (13)

1 2601 GOOD FOR A LAUGH 33 (F,G,S) J Young 14-12-7 J Young (7)
2 PP45 KING OF SHADOWS 33 (D,G) Miss C Carden 11-12-7 S Prior (7)
3 U325 MY NOMINEE 9 (B,CD,F,G,S) D E Nicholls 10-12-7 R Burton (7)
4 2F52 MILL O'THE RAGS 12 (D,F,G) N King 9-12-0 N King (7)
5 55P0 NORTH PRIDE 16 (F,S) M Barnes 13-12-0 D Jewett (7)
6 F-12 SYD GREEN 21 (BF,F,G,S) A Walker 10-12-0 S Walker (7)
7 -4P6 THE CAUMRUE 21P (D,6,S) Miss J Foster 10-12-0 Miss J Foster (7)
8 3P51 CAMAN 8P (F,G) J Quelf 11-11-9 Mrs S Grant (7)
9 3423 RIDE ROCK 16P (6,S) R Tate 8-11-9 Mrs F Needham (7)
10 PP44 SAAH 8P (D,6) J Swindells 9-11-9 Mrs K Diggle (7)
11 14U1 SATIN LOVER 8P (F,6,S) Mrs S Dent 10-11-9 S Swiers
12 0PP3 SIR-BILE 37 (F) D Ibbotson 10-11-9 N Kent (7)
13 23B1 AUNTIE ALICE 16P (6) C Lawson 8-11-4 C Mulhall (7)

4-5 Satin Lover, 9-1 Mill O The Rags, Caman, 10-1 Good For A Laugh, Indie Rock, Auntie Alice, 12-1 Syd Green, 16-1 others

4.50 HEADLEY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,828: 2m) (6)

1 621P SAMAMID 26 (D,F,G,S) Miss L Siddall 6-11-10 T Reed
2 3525 LAGAN 206 (CD,F,G) K Morgan 5-11-5 A S Smith
3 5105 CONTRARRE 11 (D,F,S) A Whillans 6-10-10 B Storey
4 1R32 WYNYARD LADY 10 (D,F,6,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-10-8 M H Naughton (5)
5 F0P0 WEEHEBY 16 (D,G) I Williams 9-10-6 Mr S Durack (3)
6 2261 KIERCHEM 42 (CD,6,S) C Grant 7-10-0 R Supple

7-4 Wynyard Lady, 7-2 Kierchem, 4-1 Samamid, 6-1 Contrarre, 7-1 Lagan, 12-1 Weehleby.

HUNTINGDON

THUNDERER

2.00 Bigwig. 2.30 River Challenge. 3.05 Indefence. 3.35 Mister Drum. 4.05 Filscot. 4.35 Song Of The Sword. 5.05 All Gong.

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2.00 MENCAP SUPPORT ASSOCIATION CONDITIONALS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,716: 2m 110yd) (11 runners)

1 F150 LE GRAND GOUSIER 183F (B,D,F) R J Price 4-11-10 R Thornton
2 3351 COLWAY PRINCE 195 (D,F,C,S) A F Jones 10-11-3 C Webb
3 062F LUCY TUFTY 8 (F,G) J Pearce 7-11-2 M Moorey (7)
4 5234 SPRIG MUSLIN 25 (B,D,S) D Gandolfo 6-10-10 Sophie Mitchell (3)
5 0-0F COSMIC STAR 21 (S) P Wallworth 8-10-7 X Aizpuru
6 002P CORDIAL KNIGHT 19 C Mulhall 5-10-6 P Ryan (5)
7 0P00 EAU BENITE 21 M Collingridge 7-10-2 M Bastrolor (3)
8 0345 BIGWIG 19 (B) G L Moore 5-10-1 D Yellowlees (7)
9 0454 CHOPIN 12 (V,6) K Wingrove 4-10-0 D Fortescue (7)
10 PP-P RUSHHOME 10 J Pearce 11-10-0 T Hagger (5)
11 000 RISKY LOVER 30F T Bill 5-10-0 L Satnam

11-4 Colway Prince, 9-2 Lucy Tufty, 6-1 Sprig Muslin, Chopin, 7-1 Cordial Knight, 8-1 Le Grand Gousier, Cosmic Star, 10-1 others

2.30 AIR FOYLE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,179: 3m) (9)

1 P3P6 MANDALAY 20 J Old 5-11-10 M A Fitzgerald
2 45R4 RIVER CHALLENGE 14 (G) J Upson 7-11-3 J Culloty
3 0-3P BOSSYMOSS 16 (F) A Streeter 9-11-2 X Aizpuru (3)
4 1220 PROFESSOR PAGE 21 (F,G) C Mann 8-10-13 L Lawrence
5 3224 ALASKAN HEIR 9 (V,6,S) A Streeter 7-10-11 R Thornton
6 5P0P LAMOSA 145 (B,F) Mrs L Richards 7-10-10 M Richards
7 1P05 HIGHLAND FLAME 12 (S) A Bleasdale 9-10-6 C Webb (3)
8 4U50 JOHN TUFTY 12 (G) J Pearce 7-10-2 B Clifford
9 PP0F MORCAT 24 C Ratcliffe 9-10-0 Mr C R Weaver (7)

7-2 River Challenge, 4-1 Alaskan Heir, 5-2 Professor Page, 6-1 Mandalay, Highland Flame, 7-1 John Tufty, 8-1 Bossymoss, 20-1 others.

3.05 SWYNFORD PADDOCKS HOTEL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,931: 2m 5f 110yd) (6)

1 5661 INDEFENCE 12 (G,S) Mrs J Pearce 7-12-0 B Clifford
2 10P2 STORMYFAIRWEATHER 16 (BF,D,F,S) N Henderson 8-11-8 M A Fitzgerald
3 4412 SIGRAM 24 (BF,F,G) R Dickin 5-10-0 J Culloty
4 1342 TURRILL HOUSE 21 (6,S) W Musson 6-10-0 R Thornton
5 P3-0 ROYAL CITIZEN 145 (CD,F,S) J Harrison 9-10-0 D Byrne
6 0305 SAUSELEN'S POINT 6 (S,F,G) J Bridger 9-12-0 M Batchelor (5)

10-11 Indefence, 3-1 Stormyfairweather, 5-1 Sigram, 7-1 Turrill House, 14-1 Royal Citizen, 33-1 Sausalen's Point.

3.35 WILLMOTT DIXON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,975: 2m 110yd) (9)

1 1F-P SASKIA'S HERO 58 (CD,F,6,S) J Hetherton 11-12-0 O Byrne
2 332P MISTER DRUM 17 (C,D,F,6,S) M Wilkinson 9-11-9 R Thornton
3 -3P3 STORM FALCON 19 (D,F,S) N Mitchell 8-11-8 C Webb (3)
4 0350 SAVUTI 10 (F,G) G Balding 9-11-3 M D Murphy
5 22U5 DUBELLE 191 (D,F,G) J King 8-10-12 J Culloty
6 1533 WAYFARERS WAY 10 (D,6,S) N Henderson 7-10-9 Mr A Fitzgerald
7 2553 PRIDEWOOD PICKER 12 (D,F,G) R J Price 11-10-0 M Richards
9 6040 CHORUS LINE 19 (D,F,S) P Beaumont 9-10-0 Sophie Mitchell (3)
9 P416 ERINS BAR 12 (BF,F,S) C Mulfington 9-10-0 X Aizpuru (3)

3-1 Erins Bar, 9-2 Mister Drum, Wayfarers Way, 6-1 Storm Falcon, Dubelle, 8-1 Saskia's Hero, 12-1 Pridewood Picker, 16-1 others.

4.05 NORMA MAJOR MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,530: 2m 4f 110yd) (10)

1 4433 FILSCOT 21 (F) C Morlock 6-11-5 J A McCarthy
2 40BP GO BRITANNIA 19 F Jordan 5-11-5 M Richards
3 50 LORD MAX 158 Mrs S Richardson 6-11-5 J Culloty
4 4305 ROARING SPRING 24 K Morgan 8-11-5 C Webb (3)
5 3 SOOJAMA 9F R Rower 8-11-5 J K McCarthy (7)
6 0343 SQUADDIE 8 J W Payne 6-11-5 R Thornton
7 032P SWYNFORD PRIDE 56 (F) J Hetherton 8-11-5 D Byrne
8 1/0P WOOLOOMOOLOO 59 (F) N Henderson 6-11-5 M A Fitzgerald
9 006P OUTRAGEOUS AFFAIR 70 A James 6-11-0 X Aizpuru (3)
10 03 KLONDIKE CHARGER 13 J Old 4-10-13 I Lawrence

5-2 Filscot, 9-2 Squaddie, 11-2 Klondike Charger, 13-2 Roaring Spring, 6-1 Sooljama, Woolloomooloo, 10-1 Swynford Pride, 16-1 others.

4.35 STANLEY COHEN NOVICES CHASE (£2,906: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1 15P4 CHEATER 17 (B,D,F) Mrs L Richards 7-11-7 M Richards
2 5U1F CLOCK WATCHERS 14 (D,6) J Bridger 10-11-7 M Batchelor (5)
3 43PP FAIR SOCIETY 49 (V,D,F,6,S) P Butler 7-11-2 R Thornton
4 F3P1 DASH TO THE PHONE 15F (F) K Morgan 6-11-0 C Webb (3)
5 4FU6 SHERWOOD BOY 89 (F,6) K Bailey 9-11-0 J A McCarthy
6 1231 SONG OF THE SWORD 10 (D,F,6) J Old 5-11-0 M A Fitzgerald

1-2 Song Of The Sword, 6-1 Sherwood Boy, 8-1 Dash To The Phone, 10-1 Fair Society, 12-1 Chester, 20-1 Clock Watchers.

5.05 MENCAP STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,201:) (8)

1 341 ALL GONG 8 (D,6) H Henderson 4-11-7 M A Fitzgerald
2 BAY CASTER C Egerton 5-11-5 J A McCarthy
3 -000 ROCKET MAN 13 F Jordan 5-11-5 D Byrne
4 15 CATHEDRAL BELLE 23 (BF,D,F) Mrs M Reveley 4-11-2 R Thornton
5 XPRIN BAY Mrs L Richards 4-11-0 M Richards
6 LEOPARD PRINCESS A H Harvey 5-11-0 I Lawrence
7 004 MY DESPERADO 30 C Ratcliffe 5-11-0 Mr C R Weaver (7)
8 00 THE BIZZ 86 J Pannell 5-11-0 M Batchelor (5)

11-8 All Gong, 2-1 Cathedral Belle, 9-2 My Desperado, 10-1 Bay Caster, 16-1 The Bizz, 25-1 Leopard Princess, 33-1 Rocket Man, Klondike Bay.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Cartmel

TRAINERS: P Bowen, 7 winners from 13 runners, 53.8%; G M Moore, 7 from 15, 46.7%; G Richards, 5 from 26, 30.8%; Mrs S Smith, 6 from 21, 28.6%; D Moffatt, 4 from 22, 18.2%; M Hammond, 4 from 37, 10.8%. Only qualifiers

JOCKEYS: N Bentley, 4 winners from 8 rides, 50.0%; A Dobbin, 10 from 35, 28.6%; D Moffatt, 5 from 26, 19.2%. Only qualifiers

Huntingdon

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 10 winners from 28 runners, 35.7%; J Old, 5 from 17, 29.4%; N Henderson, 10 from 37, 27.0%; K Bailey, 19 from 71, 26.8%; D Gandolfo, 8 from 33, 24.2%.

JOCKEYS: D Byrne, 6 winners from 28 rides, 21.4%; R Thornton, 6 from 36, 16.7%; M Fitzgerald, 11 from 73, 15.1%; J McCarthy, 8 from 61, 13.1%. Only qualifiers.

Wetherby

TRAINERS: N Henderson, 3 winners from 4 runners, 75.0%; O Brennan, 8 from 34, 23.5%; C Grant, 3 from 13, 23.1%; Mrs M Reveley, 35 from 178, 19.7%; Mrs S Smith, 18 from 100, 18.0%; J FitzGerald, 12 from 82, 13.0%.

JOCKEYS: S Durack, 4 winners from 15 rides, 26.7%; L Wyer, 38 from 157, 22.9%; M Brennan, 8 from 39, 20.5%; R Supple, 8 from 78, 10.3% Only qualifiers.

Gifford ends stable relationship

JOSH GIFFORD announced yesterday that Philip Hide will not be his stable jockey next season. However, the trainer is not actively seeking a replacement for Hide, who has been number one jockey at Findon since Declan Murphy's retirement.

"We haven't split, but Philip will not be riding as first jockey," Gifford said. "He won't be working in the yard, but we are still friends. I would think one or two of the owners will want him to ride their horses.

"We have had a bad season and when you have a bad season people tend to blame the jockey. It will do us both good to have a change and it will do more for him as he is a talented jockey. We won't replace him as such as we have got some young lads who will ride, and we will get the top jockeys available."

Hide was reluctant to comment before he had spoken to the trainer. "I have to have a word with Mr Gifford and I will speak to him in the next few days." he said. "It has not been a good season and we will have to see what happens. It depends how it goes when I talk to Mr Gifford."

Hide, the nephew of the former leading Flat jockey, Edward Hide, took over when Murphy suffered a serious injury in May 1994, and became stable jockey when the Irishman retired 18 months later.

He gained his first big win on Gifford's Bradbury Star in the Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham in November 1994, and returned there to land the Sun Alliance Chase on Brief Gale later that season.

Spring Bank Holiday Jumbo Crossword

ACROSS

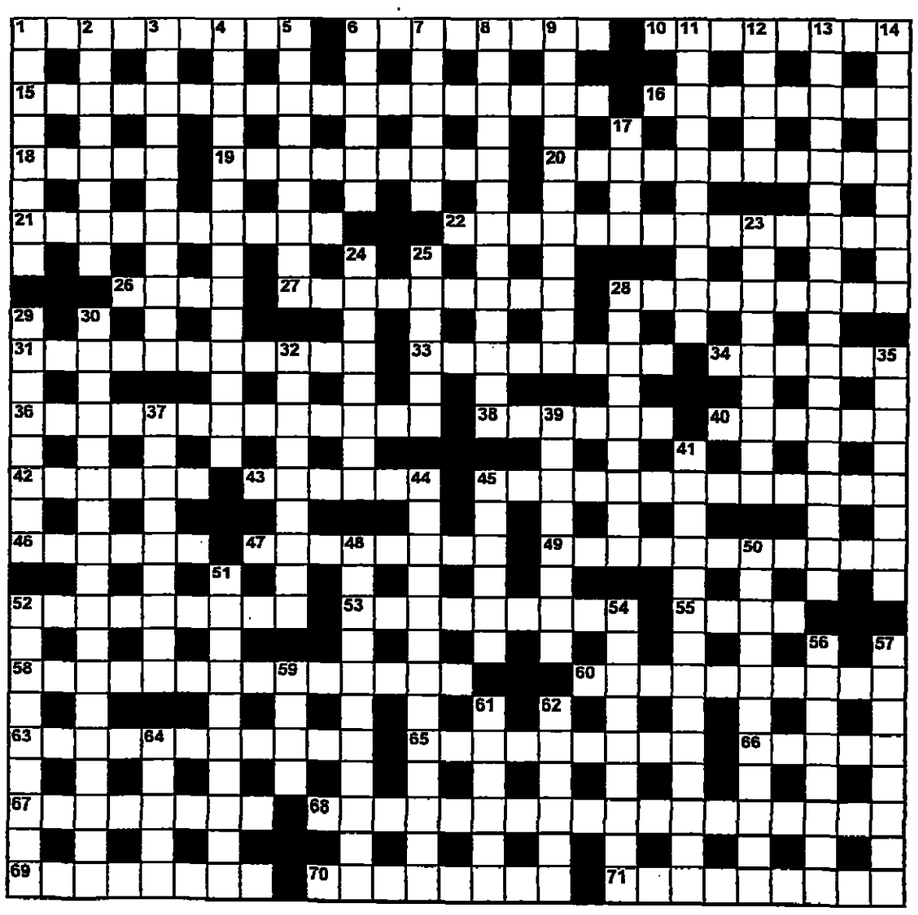
1 Its main services are specified in black and white (6,3)
6 Fail to hold 1*ac* back, and suffer humiliation (4,4)
10 They reveal tips for avoiding nautical hazards (8)
15 Almost 60% increase in incidence of rabbiting? (8,2,3,5)
16 Financial backer, one returning from California? (8)
18 A frightful noise heard at the wake (5)
19 Pooled resources in the end, making parting comment (6-3)
20 Cor! What a player! (7,4)
21 When idolater may appear to be from a different planet (10)
22 So one's peers are told to accept responsibility? (8,6)
26 Sharply rebuke noisy old MP (4)
27 In hospital dept, mostly forced to be lively! (9)
28 Hit secures English group a kind of 29 (5-4)
31 In the process of a new take-over bid (11)
33 Said rule needs breaking, and left (8)
34 Forces likely to be used in rotation (6)
36 Cunning about accurate LP remix, so things appear lavish (13)
38 A bit of a joker – a scallywag (6)
40 Knock out some corny material (6)
42 Port that is a kind of red (6)
43 Look for attention (6)
45 Eventually given a choice for forward planning (6,2,5)
46 Wasting away prize (not first) (6)
47 Careless – that's after reprimand! (8)
49 Having leading role in international celebration? (5-6)
52 Woody growth burns hot, terribly hot (5,4)
53 Sold a new car, desperate for some green stuff (4-5)
55 Drink provided out of consideration for Pete? (4)
58 How long have you got to settle insurance premiums? (4,10)
60 German scientist briefly suggesting fluorine (10)
63 *Skilful fieldwork at first worthy of respect* (11)
65 Ignore 18, perhaps, staying out? (9)
66 European's own capital used bringing back a stringed instrument (5)
67 With one interruption, awfully tense in recent years (8)
68 Evidence of 32 being out of work (7,11)
69 Curse dilapidated transport on the river (8)
70 Beginning to play by ear? It could be draining (8)
71 Annual celebration revived after 99 years? (9)

DOWN

1 About to go round first of two pubs, supplying type of mineral (8)
2 Mean to go into parts of old poetry, music and painting, etc. (4,4)
3 Promote chic fashion, as models are skinny (11)
4 Pause for the beastly lights? (9-5)
5 Keep drink under the limit – it makes sense (9)
6 Have a go, allowed to do a take-off (3,3)
7 You need to pace exercises, that's plain (6)
8 Perhaps chop some chips, producing kitchen gadget (4,9)
9 Made a fuss about king's mistress, given loopholes (11)
11 Am I unable to set up good cheer, and beam in support? (10)
12 Tree growing by the shore, we're told (5)
13 Surely we've all been asked this? (10,8)
14 Club paid to provide help, keeping it simple (9)
17 Carries on, when wife's away for a long time – (4)
23 – later, both abandoned original vow (9)
24 Almost finished swell song in one of the eastern states (8)
25 "There's bits in this liquid!" (Spoken drunkenly?) (6)
28 Must hear a new show – one actually gets paid (9)
29 Off the cuff, you could find the radius in this circle (8)
30 Showing one's hand unwillingly (4,2,2,10)
32 Bill's lost his head over Erica, left in a sorry state (3-6)
35 Use a number of subjects in traditional theatre (8)
37 Cite "hair" perhaps, grasping name for these parasites (9)
39 Notice command? One's gone to join up (4,4)
41 Patient maybe given details of appointment (3,11)
44 Steam ahead blindly, using this process, based on 58 perhaps? (4,9)
45 School on American ship going downhill (6)
48 Set of proposals for the delivery of parcels? (7,4)
50 Specified fee, when man on board takes charge (6,5)
51 Hospital visitor in error, showing *52dn* (3-7)
52 Accepted inaccuracy, being willing to give and take (9)
54 Straight through on the Central, to the Circle Line (9)
56 *Virginia, twice given some stick, held up the bloody vessel!* (4,4)
57 Planned procedure, having great turn-out in messy house (8)
59 Icing sugar? (4)
61 House, with Rod's installation, is running smoothly (6)
62 Mind out for spy – a former revolutionary (6)
64 Eccentric individual forgetting name, say (5)

JUMBO CROSSWORD 168

Prizes of £100 will be given for the first six correct solutions opened on Monday June 8, 1998. Send entries to: Spring Bank Holiday Jumbo Crossword (168), *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The winner and solution will be published in Weekend on Saturday, June 13



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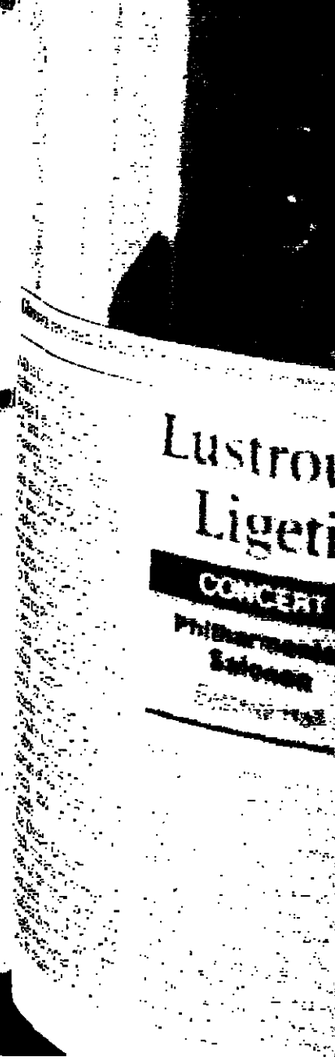
There is no prize for this puzzle. The solution will appear on Monday June 1

ACROSS

1 Short-tempered (9)
6 Bedtime bugle call (4,4)
10 Headway (8)
15 Rossini *Figaro* opera (3,6,2,7)
16 Formerly Abyssinia (8)
18 Spokes (5)
19 So-called: *and so it is (anag.)* (3-6)
20 Bewitching woman (11)
21 Seeing both sides (4-6)
22 A pantomime (8,6)
26 Restless desire (4)
27 Under one's breath (5,4)
28 Marvellous (9)
31 Lady law enforcer (11)
33 Ponder (8)
34 French (6)
36 Sophisticated, well-travelled people (13)
38 Rue (6)
40 Seal on ring (6)
42 *Careless, forgetful* (6)
43 Transgress; disgust (6)
45 Propagating from mixed varieties (5-8)
46 Cartoon mouse; one taken by joker (6)
47 In scruffy, irregular way (8)
49 Okra; a sponge-cake; *grind safely (anag.)* (5-6)
52 Risky place to skate (2,4,3)
53 Study of word sources (9)
55 Entranced (4)
58 A blue lily; *florets - why go on? (anag.)* (5-2-3-4)
60 Perplexity (10)
63 Fr. astrologer, prophet (11)
65 Weapon smuggler (3-6)
66 Sting; clever (5)
67 One unweaned (8)
68 Make massive effort (4,6,3,5)
69 Renegade (8)
70 Biased (3-5)
71 Suffered in heat (9)

DOWN

1 On the inside (8)
2 Sc. city: Crimean War PM (8)
3 Inspirational; a church movement (11)
4 Another pantomime (5,2,3,4)
5 Premature state (9)
6 Socialist (*informal*) (6)
7 Up-and-down (game, motion) (3-3)
8 Procedural questions (6,2,5)
9 Obvious (4-7)
11 Learning new skills (10)
12 Responsibility; remorse (5)
13 *Prize sow (Wodehouse)* (7,2,9)
14 Cornish town, by Fowey (2,7)
17 Doings (4)
23 Look at again (2-7)
24 Pre-metal period (5,3)
25 The universe (6)
28 Personally saw (9)
29 One produced by prism (8)
30 Well I never! (5,2,6,5)
32 Central computer (9)
35 Class, type (8)
37 Four-letter word (9)
39 Lengthy observation (taken) (4,4)
41 Pointer to another page (5-9)
44 Crane fly (5-4-4)
45 Sri Lanka island (6)
48 Cheap caff (*informal*) (6,5)
50 Forcible recruitment (11)
51 Shyness (10)
52 Arranged (9)
54 Heartfelt desires (9)
56 *Fixer (8)*
57 Sewn (8)
59 Bulge; to lug (4)
61 Really (6)
62 Bent (6)
64 Monarch (5)



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Three cheers for the new Liverpool Tate

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Seven slices of Americana at the Barbican

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Nothing filthy about lucre for the arts

MELVYN BRAGG



In his new book *Creative Britain*, Chris Smith has produced an economic "map" of the creative industries, long overdue, politically valuable and controversial. Art and money are still an uneasy cocktail in this country. The opinion persists that money is for the coarser and more vulgar arts, and that it coarsens the higher arts.

It would have been interesting to have tested this doctrine in the times of Shakespeare or Michelangelo, or Mozart or Diaghilev. Art goes where the money flows. In 1520, commenting on the carved choir stalls in St Michaels, Dürer wrote admiringly: "In Antwerp they spare no expense for such things because there is enough money." Yet here today, embarrassment at least and sometimes distaste are shown when the two are brought together.

The Culture Secretary's "map" is the first thoroughly researched document we have had. It gives substance to what has for too long been regarded as a marginal and shadowy world. Among the creative industries he includes music, film, television, radio, publishing, design, fashion, art, theatre, architecture, crafts, graphics, advertising, software, antiques and journalism. In round figures the study found that about one million people are engaged in these industries, whose annual turnover is more than £50 billion. This accounts for added value of about £23 billion contributing almost 4 per cent of GDP.

It is possible to argue that he has stretched the elastic too far, by including antiques for instance, although the business and craft businesses generated by our antiques auctions and markets would seem to justify their inclusion. More interestingly, he has refrained from claiming a portion from the tourist trade. The arts surely play a part in that.

The positive aspect of this map is easy to spell out. If government is to take a financial interest in the arts then there must be a variety of arguments for justifying this. You can, of course, take the high ground and say: Grand Opera is the greatest expression of the human spirit; London is a centre of civilisation; therefore a way must be found to support a Grand Opera whatever the cost and despite the fact that only a minuscule percentage of taxpayers will ever be able to go and see it. That is one option. It works best, curiously, in authoritarian regimes. Or you could say: Grand Opera is etc etc, and those who like it should shell out for it. This is more or less the philosophy which gives us the magnificent New York Met. There is, though, a third way, which is to do what Smith is doing — to show that the creative economy is an enmeshment of skills and talents which, taken together, become a dynamic cluster which brings wealth and employment as well as providing delights, insights and wonders.

This document steadies that argument. In a democracy there must always be an argument about the amount of money given to artists or invested in art. In the Smith map we can see the spectrum of possible positions. Some creative industries with no subsidy at all (popular music) are roaring away. Some (like television) which have huge components of public funds are finding it difficult to flourish outside this country. Inside various branches of the arts there are similar polarities. Musical theatre can succeed spectacularly without subsidy (*Cats*, *Phantom*) or with limited initial subsidy (*Les Misérables*) or with complete subsidy (*Guys and Dolls*). But at least there is now a platform of information so that in the continuing arguments the arts have at their disposal ammunition which does not merely reach out for money through a sort of blackmailing idealisation of the activity.

What is odd, though, is this continuing fear that to be aware of money is somehow to be less aware of worth. All that we know about Shakespeare leads us to conclude that he was very concerned about the box office. All we know about the money-making Medicis is that they were very concerned about art.

We know also, from the past 50 years, that subsidy has had an immensely beneficial effect in the arts in this country — theatre is the best example. The problem now after a time of standstill and shortfall and some incompetence is not whether subsidy works, but how speedily it can be repaired and reinvigorated.

The arts are not monolithic in structure and there is not one way only to think about them or to address them. There will still be, there still are poets of the rare quality of Simon Armitage whom, as he recorded in the recent book *The Cost of Letters*, it suited "to be skint for a while". There will also continue to be a market in modern art of which many are rightly sceptical, seeing it as little more than dealing in stocks and shares by another name. And there will be work done at the National Theatre which subsidy enables, work which it is difficult to imagine finding any comparable home elsewhere.

Bringing advertising, graphics and design into Smith's document rightly, I think, points out that areas of energy and often brilliant achievement to which a government steers now and then can be of real value. Every bit as valuable as a government lump sum through the lottery or the Arts Council. You do not have to agree wholly with Sam Johnson to believe that money can be a root of art.



Glamrock revisited: Ewan McGregor and Jonathan Rhys Meyers in *Velvet Goldmine*

Cinema's mad circus

CANNES: This year's film festival ended with a strange blend of beauty and dogma, as **Geoff Brown** reports

If you put all the films officially screened at Cannes this year into a blender, what composite masterpiece would emerge? Something long, probably lasting 130 minutes. There would be a brawling dysfunctional family, probably en route to a funeral or a birthday celebration. There would be gratuitous sex, an erect member or two, hand-held camerawork, and a big burst of paedophilia. And everyone would experience millennium fever.

Even a director as aloof from fashion as Theo Angelopoulos followed some of this template. In **Eternity and a Day**, 130 minutes long, the Greek director of *Ulysses Gaze* takes as his central character a writer (Bruno Ganz, in a bushy grey beard) preparing for his own demise by putting his affairs in order. On his last day before he enters hospital he meets an Albanian boy, an illegal immigrant. They talk of words; the experience revives memories, and brings Alexander's wife back to life. But plot is not the main issue: we bask in a total cinema experience, coloured in exquisite shades of grey, black and blue, shaped by a camera majestically gliding through past and present, life and death, youth and old age. Some Angelopoulos films can be forbidding; this beauty showed the high priest of cinema reaching out and touching hearts.

The Angelopoulos, kept until the festival's last full day, made many other competition films shrink into insignificance. It certainly showed up the gaudy disorder of **Velvet Goldmine**, a weirdly uninvolving and fanciful portrait of Britain's glamrock scene of the early 1970s by the American director Todd Haynes. As expected, Haynes went to town on the gaudy colours, the androgynous posturings, and the mad circus. But the dramatic force was severely blunted by a needlessly complicated script and a cast swallowed up by the spectacle. The relatively unknown Jonathan Rhys Meyers plays the central figure, a Bowie-esque performer called Brian Slade, but only Ewan McGregor, as an American rock star, has the charisma to break through the visual cacophony.

Angelopoulos's majestic art also revealed the artifice of something like **Life is Beautiful**, an emotional assault course from the comic actor and the director Roberto Benigni, and a big box-office success in Italy. The festival jury contained tough customers like Martin Scorsese and Sigourney Weaver; yet tears were seen to roll down cheeks as Benigni's boisterous buffoon, his fairytale sweetheart and young son were packed off to Nazi concentration camps. Snatching laughter from the jaws of death is a tricky business; to my dry eyes, Benigni, a clown with the physique of a scared rabbit, never found jokes good enough to make the exercise palatable. He never directed well enough, either.

But at least he kept his shots clear of microphone booms. In Lars Von Trier's **The Idiots**, they often blundered into view, or cast a shadow in the sun. Was this pure negligence, or a deliberate flaunting of cinematic niceties? It was both. For *The Idiots* was made according to the dictates of code of practice signed by several young Danish directors eager to purge cinema of high technology and artifice of any kind. They took a vow of chastity to shoot only on location with a hand-held camera, refuse all special effects, buy no props, use only natural sound, and take no director credit.

The Idiots, however, was hard to evaluate as an experiment in returning to basics. For we had to tussle with the highly questionable subject-matter. Von Trier's film concerns a group of youngsters who pretend to be mentally handicapped in order to get in touch with their "inner idiot". Sometimes they keep to themselves, in a suburban Copenhagen house; at others they test the public's mettle by acting crazy in bars and restaurants. Occasionally Von Trier suggests reasons why they behave as they do, and injects some drama when the real world threatens their games; but nowhere near enough is done to ward off tedium, or counteract the obvious objection that the director is using the mentally handicapped for morally repugnant purposes.

We could test the Dogma aesthetic again in Thomas Vinterberg's **The Celebration**. This was very much in this year's Cannes style: the celebration was the 60th birthday of a pompous patriarch, some of whose dysfunctional offspring seethed with bitterness. We eventually learnt why: in earlier times, the father got between the sheets with his children. This revelation proved none too thrilling, though the lurching camerawork, black humour and vivid performances ensured that the banal material was punched out with gusto.

For all the uneven, not to say alarming, qualities of these Danish films, it was hard not to ache for some of the anarchic Dogma spirit in the competing American entries. They were not particularly drenched in special effects, but they were, at times, agonisingly arch. John Turturro's second directorial fling, **Illuminata**, spun a ponderous web of farcical comedy round the doings of an acting troupe in turn-of-the-century New York. Then there was **Claire Dolan**, a second film from Lodge Kerrigan, director of a frighteningly stylised study in schizophrenia, *Clean, Shaven*. Katrin Kartlidge took the title role of a call-girl trying to shake off her past after the death of her mother: meaty material put in the deep freeze by a director favouring style over substance. At least Hal Hartley, in **Henry Fool**, mixed his usual arch tricks with a greater emotional resonance, though this whimsical epic about an egocentric ex-convict who shakes up a New Jersey suburb needs considerable trimming.

It is difficult to think what measures to take to ensure that Hou Hsiao-Hsien's **Flowers of Shanghai** finds a wide public, or indeed a distributor. Maybe we could all be drugged. For 124 minutes the camera weaves through candle-lit interiors full of ladies of pleasure and the male elite in old Shanghai, talking rather than doing. There is no plot to speak of; just the kind of rarefied experience you get from staring transfixed at a fish tank. Only at a film festival...

Lustrous Ligeti

CONCERT

Philharmonia/ Salonen
Festival Hall

AND so *Clocks and Clouds*, a celebration of the music of György Ligeti, has come to an end: and with it a two-year, ten-country span of Apparitions, Atmospheres, Adventures, magic micropolyphonics and multi-mirror-images, all manifestations of one of the most elusive and unique musical minds of our century.

In Wednesday's concluding concert the Philharmonia — or sections of it — and Esa-Pekka Salonen focused on two contrasting elements within Ligeti's myriad genius: the mesmeric microtonal play of his Double Concerto for flute and oboe, and the brief, wild *Mysteries of the Macabre* for soprano and instrumental ensemble.

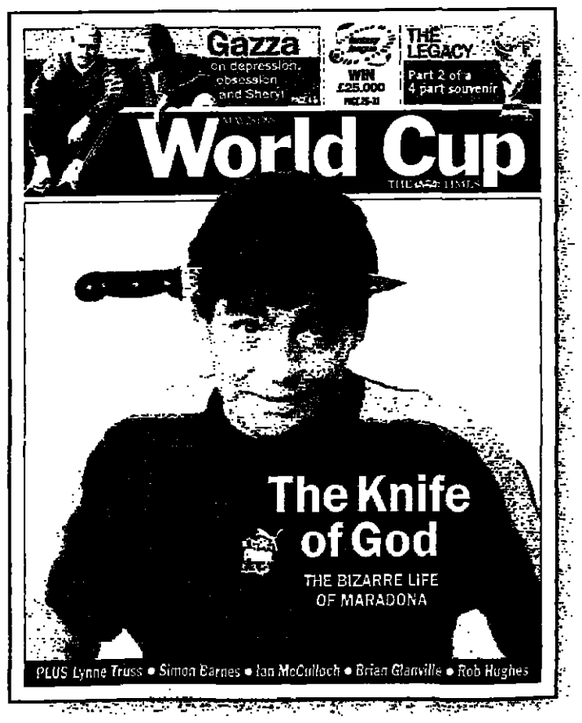
The Double Concerto is a diptych, with one movement a variant of the other. Both are preoccupied with pitch and deviations from it in the form potent by the camouflaged nature of its soloists. There are no violins in the orchestra, and the small remaining string section blends with the sound of the woodwind who, in turn, cling close to the soloists. Given that these were Heinz Holliger and the brilliant young Swiss flautist Emmanuel Pahud, the players of the Philharmonia had to be on

The even smaller instrumental ensemble of *Mysteries of the Macabre* — a string and a wind sextet, four brass, piano, celeste, mandolin — had no fewer virtuoso demands made of them. In five whirlwind minutes of alarming and witty exclamations, the German soprano Sibylle Ehlert gave a quite outstandingly virtuoso performance of the wild ululations of the opera's police chief, abetted by the odd yell from the conductor, and any number of hissed passwords, secrets and cock-a-doodle-doos from the instrumentalists.

Ligeti was honoured in the illuminating company of Stravinsky's 1947 *Petrushka*, and of an elegant performance of Debussy's *La Mer*, in which Salonen's cool lucidity of vision was not always matched by the Philharmonia's clarity of execution.

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PAUL COUSANS

The handsome new galleries of the Tate Gallery Liverpool provide festive surroundings for the launch of *Artranspennine98*, Britain's largest-ever contemporary art show

Precisely a decade after it opened with a boisterous party at Albert Dock, the Tate Gallery Liverpool has reinvented itself. A £7 million expansion, mainly funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Euromoney from the five Merseyside boroughs, set out to enhance the existing interior. Spectacular new exhibition space has also been provided, building on the enormous, unexpected scale of the gallery's popularity.

Devotees of the late James Stirling, who was responsible for the original conversion of Jesse Hartley's magnificent Victorian warehouse, voiced alarm about the changes. They need not have worried. The work was undertaken by Stirling's partner Michael Wilford, and he honours the spirit of his old friend's design.

The orange and blue colours emblazoning the façade have been retained. So have the bulging balconies of the former mezzanine café, which used to hang disconcertingly over the foyer. But Wilford did not hesitate to move them. With commendable ingenuity, he has repositioned them in the centre of a splendid new café on the ground floor. This airy room looks out through windows to the dock beyond.

This new openness, connecting far more freely with passers-by outside, has also transformed the foyer. It used to feel constricted: now a new central doorway has been punched through to the large room behind.

There is, admittedly, a big loss of exhibition space on the ground floor. The new café and adjacent shop inhabit what was once the highest gallery in the premises. But the opened-up room at the back, displaying a selection of landscapes, now provides an ideal introduction to the more demanding shows above.

On the first floor, a free-wheeling survey of Modern British Art boasts some of the Tate's most important holdings. The innovative vitality of the Vorticist movement is summed up by Wyndham Lewis's monumental painting *The Crowd*, stamped with stark forebodings about the onset of the First World War. Then, in 1916, Mark Gertler's clangorous *Merry-Go-Round* dramatises the madness of the conflict with ferocious clarity. Later sections of the survey include such masterpieces as Francis Bacon's elegiac *Triptych — August 1972*, mourning the suicide of his lover George Dyer.

The London Tate's readiness to send such major works proves how seriously it regards the Liverpool gallery. On the second floor, a greater surprise awaits. All the Cubist art normally on display at Millbank has been placed on loan for a year. Prefaced by a powerful late Cézanne from the National Gallery, the show juxtaposes paintings and sculpture by Picasso and Braque with a group of African carvings borrowed from the Liverpool Museum. Then, in a room devoted to later Cubism, we find the most prized of all the Tate's 20th-century paintings: Picasso's eruptive, ecstatic yet grief-stricken *The Three Dancers*.

Once the Tate's new Gallery of Modern Art opens at Bankside in the year 2000 such a wholesale loan of Cubist works will surely be impossible. Seeing them all assembled in Albert Dock emphasises how remarkable an act of faith the Tate Liverpool really is.

The public response has been gratifying, too. Until now, the gallery has attracted 500,000 visitors a year. Now that the bigger premises are open the director, Lewis Biggs, is aiming initially at an annual intake of 800,000, rising in time to one million. The Dali show planned for the autumn should go a long way towards realising that ambition.

But I expect the opening shows will prove popular enough. *Urban*, the other show drawn from Millbank, cleverly looks at diverse images from the vantage of city life. It is hugely stimulating. The excitable energy of Balla's Futurist painting, *Abstract Speed — The Car Has Passed*, sums up the mood of machine-age optimism at the beginning of the century. Now, in the late 1990s, a more chilling view of the same subject is asserted in Julian Opie's painted wood sculpture *You Are In A Car*. The blank windows look ominous, suggesting that the machine may be operated by remote control for sinister, even ruthless ends.

By choosing a theme as accessible as *Urban*, the gallery clearly intends to stress the nourishing links between modern art and everyday experience. It also provides an ideal springboard for debate with school groups, and the newly completed top floor includes much-needed spaces for educational activities.

Above all, though, the top floor provides handsome new galleries, loftier by far than the low-ceilinged rooms below. They provide festive surroundings for the launch of *Artranspennine98*, Britain's largest-ever contemporary art show. Organised by Biggs and Robert Hopper, director of the Henry Moore Institute in Leeds, this immensely ambitious cross-country project embraces locations as disparate as a medieval chapel at Skipton Castle, an abandoned colliery in Radcliffe, and Manchester Central Library.

The most arresting of the six contributions in the Tate building is Mark Dion's boat installation, *S.O.S.* It looks like the aftermath of a maritime disaster. The upended vessel seems to be sinking into the grey immensity of the floor, while barrels and other flotsam are scattered mournfully around it. An elegy for Liverpool's lost supremacy as a port, it testifies as well to Dion's own ability to create a haunting *coup de théâtre*.

Artranspennine has made an admirable attempt to commission work that relates to the history of the area it occupies. Christine Borland's *English Family China* refers to Liverpool's long-forgotten porcelain industry. But she offers us clusters of porcelain skulls, each embellished with historic blue teaware decorations. Two, decorated with designs of galleons in full sail, look as if the dead men are still dreaming of their nautical exploits. And the view through a window of Liverpool's dockland far below, where tourism has long since taken over from mercantile prowess, only adds piquancy to Borland's exhibit.

The most notorious of *Artranspennine*'s commissions is a brief waterfront walk from the Tate. Positioned outside George's Dock Mersey Tunnel Offices and Ventilation Tower, Taro Chiezo's garish yellow *Super Lamb Banana* makes knockabout comedy out of genetic engineering. To judge by the grins from pedestrians while I was there, this concrete hybrid has already become a favourite Liverpudlian landmark. But its vision of a rampant biotechnological future is macabre as well.

An even more apocalyptic mood is created over at the Bluecoat Gallery in School Lane. Here, in exquisite 18th-century premises, Helen and Newton Harrison have cast a "green net" over the entire *Transpennine* area. Colossal multicoloured maps cover the walls, each bearing the strangely dragon-like outline of the region. Is it about to be devoured by commercial exploitation, or will the ecological changes proposed by the Harrisons save it? Everyone visiting the show will be encouraged to join in the debate, so ensuring that *Artranspennine* generates lively audience involvement.

● *Tate Gallery Liverpool at Albert Dock (0151-709 3223). Artranspennine98 (full details on 0845 309 9989) runs until Aug 16*

AROUND THE GALLERIES

BACK in the darkest days of the war, the *Radio Times* was a weekly lifeline connecting people at home with the great world of culture, not only in the programmes it listed, but also because of how the magazine looked. For this was an as yet unsung golden age of British illustration, and a whole school of black-and-white draughtsmen were kept constantly busy with the little headpieces and larger illustrations called for to enliven the listing pages.

Among these **Eric Fraser** had the most distinctive style of all. His drawings disposed strong areas of black in such a way as to imply that they were wood-engravings; he dealt in strongly simplified forms which owed something, remotely, to Cubism and quite a lot to Deco streamlining. He also illustrated many memorable books, and designed posters and advertisements, usually in monochrome.

Fraser has been rather forgotten in the past few years, but now comes Sylvia Backemeyer's authoritative book *Eric Fraser: Designer and Illustrator* (Lund Humphries, £29.95), and an accompanying exhibition at Abbott and Holder. Both give an illuminating glimpse of what it entailed to be a journeyman designer in the mid-20th century.

Abbott and Holder, 30 Museum Street, WC1 (0171-637 3981), Mon-Sat 9.30am-6pm (Thurs to 7pm), until June 20

■ IT COMES as a shock to realise that **Paul Feiler** has just turned 80. His fastidious geometrical abstractions, with their muted colouring set off by expanses of dazzling white, have been a fixture of the British art scene, in London as much as in St Ives, for several decades now. Ever since he went abstract in the mid-Sixties he has stubbornly followed his own inclinations. The present show displays a new sense of pictorial space, within which the various shapes seem to advance or retire, assuming a three-dimensional presence even if we do not know (or seek to know) precisely what they are.

Redfern Gallery, 20 Cork Street, W1 (0171-734 1732), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, until July 2

■ THE **Fine Art Society's** Spring Exhibition covers virtually the whole range of the gallery's special interests, from Burne-Jones to John Bratby, by way of Glyn Philpot and John Craxton, with furniture and ceramics to match. Perhaps the most astonishing item is the 12-piece bedroom suite, circa 1866, designed by Charles Bevan in high Gothic Revival style. And this year there is a sort of exhibition within an exhibition, a tribute to what Edward Bawden called "English Garden Delights".

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Rachel Campbell-Johnston on the artist hoping to score in football

World Cup players get in the frame


Dutch courage: *Holland 1998*, one of the 36 paintings on show in London

Peter Howson admits unabashedly to cashing in on World Cup commercialism. "Someone phoned me up, suggested I did a series of football paintings and so I did. I don't believe in the idea of artist as otherworldly creature. I just get on with a job — like a plumber would."

It took Howson only a few months to complete these 36 paintings. But if anything it is their spontaneity which makes them work: the vibrant smears, the looser than usual brushstrokes, the unmixed colour. This, and the way the big, brawny figures can scarcely be contained within their small frames, make for an energetic display. Bodies dive and twist, hands splay, shoulders shunt into the foreground, knees smash against the picture plane.

There is an enthusiasm which reveals Howson as a football fan who, though he rarely finds time to watch the game now — he puts in a 14-hour day at the easel — spent many a youthful Saturday afternoon in the stands waving his Ayr United scarf. He takes a cheeky opportunity in this show to redress a childhood grievance. Having once been upset for days when Scotland were hammered by England in an international match, he now paints a Scottish striker booting the ball home past a Sassenach goalie. For all his admissions of commercial intent, it is the fanatic's fervour which Howson betrays as he works from memory (and a children's World Cup guide to get the strips right). "Football is like a dance, like a ballet," he says. "It can be as graceful as it can be clumsy and brutal."

But it is the brutality which is salient. Though in person a restless, sensitive man, Howson has a raw vision. An ex-squaddie and erstwhile warehouse manager, he has taken as his subjects hardmen, skinheads, dossers and down-and-outs. As an official war artist in Bosnia he portrayed violence, butchery and "a medieval savagery" with blatant force. The cartoonish simplicity which repels the refined sensibilities of many critics lends itself to striking imagery. There is a powerful crudeness to his stark exaggeration, to the thickened limbs and coarsened features of his portraits.

Howson's paintings are easy to understand. Perhaps this is why he became so successful, collected by the Tate and the Metropolitan in New York as well as by showbiz superstars. With figurative work out of fashion in recent years, he has fallen from favour. But where less resolute artists might have wavered, might even have adapted their work, Howson remains uncompromising. He may be cashing in on a craze with this current exhibition, but nobody could call his painting faddish.

● *Peter Howson: Football Paintings is at Flowers East, 282 Richmond Road, London E8 (0181-985 3333) until June 21*

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■ THEATRE
Plays inspired by Sonnets

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Seven deadly thin

THEATRE
Love's Fire
Barbican Pit

Ask David Mamet to create a play based on the Shakespeare Sonnet that starts by telling you that the expense of spirit in a waste of shame is lust in action, and goes on to talk about the danger and dishonesty of love, and you might get something fierce, scathing and genuinely dramatic. Persuade Arthur Miller, that sere seer, to pen some variations on "that time of year thou mayst in me behold *when yellow leaves, or none,* or few, do hang", and (again) you might be in business.

But Mark Lamos and America's Acting Company have presented what are, on the whole, more complex and less pointed Sonnets to their chosen seven playwrights for dramatic treatment, and the results are decidedly mixed.

Love's Fire, as this septet of mostly disenchanted, disillusioned playlets is called, confusingly advertises itself both as part of a year-long European project called *Inventing America* and a season of "provocative new writing" in the Barbican called *Bite: 98*. The capsule suggestion, then, is that we can expect imagination, stimulus, and the odd toothmark left on the brain. But it is the more conventional *pieces that work best and*, since neither lasts longer than 15 minutes or so, each has a sketchy feel and achieves no more than cursory success.

Wendy Wasserstein specialises in comedies of urban manners, and in *Waiting for Philip Glass* is in sharp, tart form. A party held in honour of a chic composer who never arrives provides an opportunity for the smart, the spoilt, the malicious and the pretentious to go through their paces. The in-things appear to be buying lilies from Ecuador, sending your kids to summer camp in Cambodia, learning to "think globally" by visiting the new Guggenheim in Bilbao, and going on safari in the South Bronx.

With Jennifer Rohn's bitchy magazine editor saying things like "that's not a diamond on *her finger, that's a satellite* dish", and investing "you look so beautiful" with real hatred, *Waiting for Philip Glass* is an amusing, engaging piece: but it scarcely lives up to the promise of that strange, bitter Sonnet, "They that have power to hurt and will do none".

Eric Bogosian's *Bitter Sauce* is fun too, showing as it does a bride, played by Heather Robison, who (purportedly in the spirit of the Sonnet in which the Bard, "full of your ne'er cloying sweetness", goes emotionally slumming) takes time off from a fussy, dull bridegroom (Daniel Pearce) to have a fling with a Hell's Angel. An improbable denouement does not ruin the effect, but emphasises how difficult it is to achieve much in so tight a format.

Marsha Norman's 140, which consists of little more than forlorn, desperate couplings, seems particularly to need and deserve richer, more considered execution. As for the pieces by Ntozake Shange, Tony Kushner, William Finn and (a debate about Shakespeare's Sonnets bizarrely mixed with musings about a callous God) John Guare — well, if they deliver any bites, they are the sort that leave you twice shy.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

MARILYN KINGWILL



Heather Robison and Daniel Pearce in a scene from Eric Bogosian's *Bitter Sauce*

Distress flares in the immoral maze

The Last Girl
Riverside Studios

THERE is a mysterious figure at the heart of David Bridel's provocative offering for the New Playwrights' Festival. He is 78 years old, a fabulously wealthy artist, and his last eight masterpieces have featured pubescent girls of whom several, reputedly, have gone on to sleep with men three times their age. We never see Kantor and we never see his masterpieces. But there is not a moment when his shadow does not hang over the play.

It may be serendipity, or sheer opportunism on the part of Bridel, but he taps into a debate about voyeurism in which there are no innocent parties. From the slightly frantic gabble drifting across Katherin Lara's square of painted tiles, we learn that a family reunion of sorts is happening. Jude, an ageing English actress, arrives in the heart of the French countryside to visit her estranged daughter, Lydia. She brings in tow her young student boyfriend, Dominic, and her 13-year-old daughter, Peck. To Jude's horror it transpires that Lydia is about to marry the superannuated maestro on whose estate they are staying. We also discover that Kantor wants to paint Peck.

Wine and Kantor's fabled price tags cleverly blur the outrage into self-interest. But in this far-flung outpost there are no secrets that the village gossips cannot discern. The local taxi driver hovers suspiciously while the fiftysomething Jude and the twentysomething Dominic argue about whether the artless Peck should be the lucrative subject of Kantor's ninth nude. There is the obvious comedy of double standards but there is also a compellingly worked drama about adolescent erotica that ingeniously feeds off the prudish fears of Jamie Glover's sulky Dominic and Claire Cox's evangelically open-minded Lydia. As Kantor's great work progresses, Peck gets quieter and quieter.

The only real flaw to Bridel's piece is his tendency to overwrite. The director, David Prescott, could afford to strip the script down even more to sustain Kantor's troubling mystery. Nevertheless, his unfussy production yields a number of notable performances. Charlie Hayes plays the grudging sitter, Peck, with brooding charm, and Elizabeth Counsell was surely put on this earth to play the wonderfully irresponsible, alcoholic mother-in-denial, Jude, who initiates the play's final twists.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER

Tsar in new garb

OPERA
Boris Godunov
Dome, Brighton

IT TOOK most of 70 years for Mussorgsky's own orchestration of his opera *Boris Godunov* to assert itself over the long-favoured version by Rimsky-Korsakov. So it is perhaps not surprising that Shostakovich's orchestration — in some ways more Mussorgsky than Mussorgsky — should have to wait until 1998 and a Brighton Festival concert performance for its UK premiere.

Shostakovich reorchestrated *Boris* in 1940: its dark and pungent palette was first tested on the world in 1959 in Leningrad. In Brighton on a sultry night under the Dome poor Boris's own sense of suffocation seemed to grow ever more oppressive in the dense textures of those bass clarinets, extra bassoons and double-bassoons, and a tuba which did, indeed, make Russia groan under its eternal lawlessness.

David Angus, conducting the Symphony Orchestra of Flanders, certainly gave the score a fair showing, though it deserved woodwind playing of a higher calibre than we sometimes heard. The audience, too, surely deserved a scholarly note or two on the version rather than a mere outline of the plot in a programme book scarcely worthy of the occasion.

And *Boris* does need a chorus at least willing to attempt to use diaphragm and imagination to sing out the heavy heart of Russia, rather than sounding as if it was practising for evensong. The Brighton Festival Chorus and New Sussex Opera Chorus were simply not up to scratch.

Then Boris himself appeared — or so it seemed. John Tomlinson, alone of the cast, so entirely inhabited his part that the concert platform suddenly became a stage as he entered, weighed down as if by the robes of ceremony and a soul full of sorrow. With Linda Kitchen's lamenting Xenia he found a new, more intimate humanity. And, for his final leavetaking, a sense of visionary transcendence expanded the voice still further in a performance of outstanding presence and resonance.

The rest of the cast had neither Tomlinson's freedom from the score nor his linguistic assurance. But Gwynne Howell's deeply internalised Pimen was a worthy companion, Adrian Thompson a wheedling Pretender, and Alan Oke's Shiusky a convincingly reptilian presence. And I enjoyed the double-act of Gerald Finley and Louise Winter as Rangoni and Marina.

HILARY FINCH

Louche canon

DANCE
Rosas
Queen Elizabeth Hall

THE stage is ringed by an army of mother-in-law's tongues, the spiky, variegated houseplants that dot countless windowsills across Belgium. Thrusting, regimented and looking ludicrously self-important, they offer wry comment on the proceedings that are about to unfold in Anne Teresa De Keersmaeker's *Mikrokosmos*, presented as part of London's Turning World festival.

At the back of the stage, two pianos face each other on a platform; in front, rows of plush velvet theatre seats provide intimations of public performance. The space is inviting; we are primed for whatever De Keersmaeker and her Rosas dance troupe have in mind.

What Belgium's leading choreographer-provocateur has in mind is a schizophrenic evening of music and dance, a frightful exercise in self-flattery designed to prove that, suggestions in her choreography to the contrary, she does indeed take music seriously. *Mikrokosmos* is offered in three sections, two that dance and one that doesn't. The latter, with Jean-Luc Fafchamps and Jean-Luc Plouvier playing Ligeti on their twin pianos, is a querulous and chattering musical interlude, its strident internalisation sitting uneasily in the middle of De Keersmaeker's blunt physical concoctions. On Thursday night it made the audience restless.

Part one, set to Bartók's Seven Pieces for Two Pianos and played by the same two pianists, is a dance duet for a man and a woman (Martin Kilvady and Johanne Saunier) that alternates between an angry shoving match and a desperate embrace. With her little black skirt and little black socks, the De Keersmaeker brand of female is always ambiguous. Her assertive, thrashing body language says one thing, her simpering coquettishness another.

Part three, *Quatuor No 4*, set to more Bartók, features the Duke Quartet and a quartet of female dancers. It comes as no surprise to see they are wearing little black dresses and little black booties. Suggestions of lubricious schoolgirls are vaguely disturbing. And later on, when they flash their white knickers at us with delinquent glee, or tiptoe grotesquely in a caricature of feminine enticement, we have to ask ourselves what De Keersmaeker is saying. *Her sexual commentary is so* ill-defined, her choreographic language so endlessly tiresome, that whatever cogent argument she may be trying to make is left mired in the heavy-breathing obsessiveness of her own creativity.

DEBRA CRAINE

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Swedes set to increase oil fever on AIM

By Fraser Nelson

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS are to provide a second oil exploration stock for the Alternative Investment Market, adding to the oil fever caused by the recent drilling report from Amerada Hess and Desire Petroleum.

Lundin, the Swedish energy group, intends to spin off Sodra Petroleum, which hopes to mirror the success of Desire, whose shares surged 138 per cent last week as investors speculated that it may strike some of the £15 billion worth of oil thought to lie around the islands.

Sodra's only asset is a 50 per cent stake in one of the seven tranches of exploration acreage licensed by the Falklands Government. City analysts estimate that the area could contain 2.2 billion barrels of oil, worth £2.6 billion.

Sodra's acreage adjoins the block allocated to Lasmo — in which Desire has a 25 per cent stake. Clyde Petroleum, the North Sea company bought by Gulf Canada last year, also has a 12.5 per cent stake in this Lasmo slot.

City reports estimate that Sodra's slot has the potential for £2.6 billion worth of oil — £1.3 billion of which would be attributable to its shareholders. If Lasmo strikes the £3.2 billion of oil that City analysts say could be lying under its slot, Desire would be in for £400 million.

Sodra needs to raise money to cover drilling costs — which some industry sources put at £20 million. Sodra is one of 15 companies to have chipped in to hire Borgny Dolphin, a semi-submersible drill towed in from the North Sea, at a cost of £70,000 a day.

Amerada Hess, the US oil company, is currently using the drill and last week reported early signs of hydrocarbons — which prompted the dramatic rise in Desire's shares.

The drill begins work on one of Lasmo's two blocks next month. After moving to Shell's block in August, it is due to do the initial drilling in Sodra's block — tranche F — in October. Although Desire has 100 per cent of the two tranches nearest the islands, Borgny Dolphin is not booked for either.

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Austria Sch	21.20	19.54
Belgium Fr	62.36	57.40
Canada $	2.491	2.303
Cyprus Cyp£	0.890	0.819
Denmark Kr	11.53	10.64
Finland Mkk	9.27	8.52
France Fr	10.09	9.31
Germany Dm	3.03	2.79
Greece Dr	519	479
Hong Kong $	13.48	12.28
Iceland	128	108
Ireland Pt	1.20	1.11
Israel Shk	6.32	5.67
Italy Lira	3005	2768
Japan Yen	236.03	218.50
Malta	0.671	0.612
Netherlds Gld	3.426	3.131
New Zealand $	3.19	2.95
Norway Kr	12.68	11.74
Portugal Esc	306.42	284.39
S Africa Rd	9.00	8.04
Spain Pta	255.27	236.48
Sweden Kr	13.37	12.27
Switzerland Fr	2.54	2.32
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TOUCHSTONE PICTURES



The triple touch: Kindertec's three-in-one device has won the support of Merlin Ventures and Johnson & Johnson

Kindertec launches baby monitor

By Paul Durman

A NOVEL baby monitor being launched tomorrow by Johnson & Johnson was developed by Kindertec, a small company backed by Merlin Ventures, headed by Chris Evans, the biotechnology entrepreneur.

The monitor, called "intouch", claims to allow parents not just to hear when their babies cry but also measures room temperature and will sound an alarm should the baby stop breathing for more than 20 seconds.

Peter Sheldon, Kindertec's chief executive, said: "It's not a life-saving device, but it will provide very full reassurance to parents on the wellbeing of their baby."

The Merlin Fund has invested about £1.5 million in Kindertec since Merlin Ventures first became involved. Mr Sheldon said it was Dr Evans who thought to approach Johnson & Johnson and who was able to open doors to set up a meeting in the US with senior managers of the healthcare group.

Mr Sheldon said Johnson & Johnson was very enthusiastic about the three-in-one monitor, although it had no other interests in consumer electronics.

The intouch monitor will initially be available through Boots, John Lewis and Tesco. It is priced at £89, a substantial premium to the conventional listening monitors sold by Tomy.

Mr Sheldon said: "If you look at it as a monitor you will be put off by the price. But if you look at it as a total reassurance device then you can justify the price quite happily."

The movement monitor, aimed at younger babies, relies on an A4-size sensor pad, which is able to pick up breathing movements even when placed under a mattress.

Kindertec, which will supply the monitors to Johnson & Johnson, hopes intouch will take a significant share of the 500,000 monitors sold in the UK last year. Seven overseas arms of Johnson & Johnson are also showing interest.

The firm is based around David Gooch, an expert in baby monitoring, and is seeking to develop other forms of monitor.

Ameritech chief in line for a $45m windfall

From Oliver August in New York

RICHARD NOTEBAERT, the chief executive of Ameritech, will reap a $45 million (£27 million) windfall if he manages to sell the phone carrier to SBC Communications for $71 billion. His chances of pulling off the world's second-biggest asset sale have risen unexpectedly since the deal was announced two weeks ago.

Mr Notebaert's share options will automatically be converted upon completion of the takeover, according to documents filed at the Securities and Exchange Commission. Rather than having to wait for piecemeal conversions over the next decade, he will be handed all his shares at once. Last year, Mr Notebaert earned $2.6 million.

After the purchase of Ameritech, which is based in Chicago, SBC will be America's largest phone company. Under the stewardship of Ed Whitacre, the chief executive, SBC has reunited three of the seven Baby Bells that regulators forced AT&T to demerge in 1984. Mr Whitacre suffered a paper loss of $15 million when he announced the transaction and the SBC share price fell in response.

AT&T has strongly objected to the deal on competition grounds. At the unveiling of the takeover bid, Mr Whitacre acknowledged that SBC is very likely to face prolonged regulatory scrutiny. He said he expected "close scrutiny but ultimate approval. We recognise that we need the support of regulators for this to be approved".

But analysts have concluded in the two weeks since then that SBC is set to win approval regardless of any objections. Scott Cleland, an analyst at Legg Mason in Washington, said: "It's going to be tough for regulators to block, even though they are not going to like it."

The new group will have a strong presence in Europe, as well as its dominance of the US local call market.

Inland Revenue denies throwing away letters

By Jon Ashworth

THE Inland Revenue said yesterday that the new system of self-assessment had "teething problems" but denied reports that tax officers are throwing away correspondence and making up tax demands.

Weekend reports suggested that self-assessment had brought "chaos" to tax offices and stretched the system to breaking point. The Revenue yesterday categorically rejected the most serious allegations, which included suggestions that tax officers made up tax demand figures and threw away letters of complaint.

The Revenue said that it sometimes altered tax returns to correct obvious errors but added it always notifies the taxpayer in writing.

The Revenue dismissed suggestions that taxpayers' letters of complaint are being thrown away as "very serious allegations of no substance". A spokesman added: "Under no circumstances would managers sanction this."

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55	44	2.86	Cassidy Bros	52	...	7.2	...
79½	49½	3.45	Cavendish W	78½	+ 6½	2.9	32.4
13	9	7.52	Celebrated Group	12¼	+ ¾	3.0	22.0
£345	£195	87.50	Celtic	£225	–3000	...	6.4
£325	£195	41.50	Celtic Pf Shs	£225	–3000	1.6	...
101½	71½	20.00	CI Comms(TV)	91½	...	4.3	10.6
70½	47½	18.40	Charlton Athl	65	+ 5	...	...
14¼	8¼	10.30	Charterhouse Cms	10¼	...	3.2	12.1
115	77	120.60	Chelsea Village	77	– 2	...	...
135	65	6.27	Chemical Design	95	...	...	..
29	14½	126.60	Choron	24¼	+ 1¼	...	...
113	100½	37.30	Citadel	113	+ ½	0.6	...
113	85	0.85	Clan Homes	95	...	...	35.3
28½	21½	21.40	Coffee Rep	22½	– 2	...	...
234	117½	27.80	Cornmo	212½	+ 59	1.3	18.0
497½	307½	7.38	Com de Pf Fin	307½	...	4.0	...
325	142½	27.70	Computerland UK	301½	– 13½	0.7	33.5
19½	12½	7.03	Concurrent Tech	14½	..	1.7	..
100	100	0.25	Conc Tech A Prf	100	...	..	...
100	100	0.20	Conc Tech B Prf	100	...	..	...
150	150	1.01	Conc Tech Rd Pf	150	...	..	...
225	225	0.17	Conc Tech Cv Pf	225	...	..	...
44½	36	10.00	Consister Tst	44½	+ 2½	5.6	11.3
3¾	1¾	5.07	Corporate Exec	3¾	...	..	54.3
15½	13½	8.21	Crans Intl	14½	...	...	...
153½	146½	7.70	Cresco Intl	151	...	...	...
230	190	3.40	Crown Eye	212½	...	7.4	57.8
31½	19½	1.51	Dalkeith Inns	31½	...	...	11.1
287½	255	12.80	Dawn Til Dusk	263½	– 1½	1.4	21.0
222½	155	114.30	Dawson Hdgs	166½	+ 10	3.2	16.7
400	198½	23.60	Deep Sea Leisure	375	...	...	...
5¼	2¾	7.11	Denmaster	5½	+ ½	2.0	22.0
495	126½	196.40	Desire Petroleum	415	+239½	...	...
79½	52½	8.45	Digital Anim	57½	...	...	...
32½	23½	18.00	Dimension Res	27	...	...	...
9½	3½		Dimension Wts	9½	...	...	...
135½	94½	10.00	Delyn Group	115½	– 1	2.2	..
32½	16½	3.38	Dinalek	18	...	...	...
406	293½	23.40	Dobbies Garden	355	+ 5	1.6	21.2
229½	160½	27.50	Dragons Health	229½	...	0.9	31.0
3¼	2	1.71	Drings of Bath	2	...	...	12.9
275	217½	7.70	Durlacher	275	...	...	54.8
34½	34½	3.38	Eagle	34½	...	...	...
197½	73½	40.30	Easynet	196½	+ 37½	...	...
330	250	55.10	Elec Retail Sys	260	+ 7½	...	...
46½	33½	28.70	Electrophoretics	37	...	...	...
103	77	23.80	Enterprises	87½	...	6.3	13.2
18	11½	3.50	Epic Multimedia	15	...	...	...
45	45	11.80	Epicore Netwks	45	...	...	...
95	52	2.61	Eurasia Mining	70½	...	...	...
397½	165	34.70	Euro Sales Fn	377½	...	...	26.8
3	2¾	3.69	Fairplace Cons	3	...	1.5	25.4
280	200	7.28	Farlake	280	...	0.9	19.8
77½	52½	16.30	Fayrewood	77½	+ 3	2.1	22.1
406½	110½	157.80	Fibernet	404½	+ 47	...	...
27½	20½	1.07	Fieldens	21½	...	...	39.9
355	223½	112.70	Fitness First	342½	– 8½	...	78.6
130	95	3.25	Flomerics	125	...	3.0	...
100	43	1.41	Floral St	44	– 2½	...	...
22½	22½	4.72	FNR Hldgs	22½	...	...	...
102½	94½	10.20	Formscan	96	...	3.6	11.0
188½	122½	11.00	Fountain Forestry	122½	– 4	2.8	18.1
38¼	29	173.50	Freepages	35¼	– ¼	...	...
197½	179½	12.20	Furlong Homes	193½	...	3.6	7.9
99½	60	6.68	Future Int Telep	60	– 2	...	...
251½	176½	22.10	GB Railways	251½	+ 20	...	13.3
47½	37½	4.95	GR Hldgs	37½	– 5	...	24.3
62½	45½	17.90	Gall Thomson Env	57½	...	2.7	11.8
147½	105½	127.50	Gartland W&B	146½	+ 5	2.0	8.1
36½	35½	1.44	General Inds	35	...	...	...
177½	132½	167.50	Geo Int Media	167½	+ 3	...	...
26¾	15	33.40	Gold Mns Sard	25½	– 1	...	...
17¾	9	8.84	Gold Mns Sard Wts	16½	– 1	...	...
7	1½	32.50	Golf Club	7	+ 4	...	13.9
171½	133½	26.40	Gooch & Housego	156½	..	1.2	24.4
17	14	2.03	Griffin Mining	14½	...	...	...
4½	2½	0.05	Griffin Mng Wts	4½	...	...	...
2¾	2½	2.50	Grosmont Hldgs	2½	...	...	...
1¼	1	1.20	Grosmont Hldgs Wts	1	...	...	...
15	13¼	2.83	Grosvenor Ltd	13½	...	...	75.8
175	170	38.60	Groton	171	...	3.8	13.6
6¼	5½	2.20	Hansom	5¼	...	...	...
225	142	20.70	Hardy Undwtg	225	...	3.6	9.9
3¼	2¾	3.94	Harford	2¾	...	...	...
89½	44½	3.70	Hat Pin	84	– ½	1.5	...
405	325	8.51	Heavitree	405	...	2.3	20.4
285	275	12.00	Heavitree A	285	...	3.3	14.3
85½	62½	3.69	Helicon Pubg	82½	...	...	..
415	275	27.80	Hercules Prop	415	+ 17½	0.7	19.2
145	77½	22.10	Higharns Sys	125	...	..	28.4
135½	124½	11.00	Highland Timber	124½	..	...	...
80	75	1.22	Hurlingham	76½	..	1.6	45.2
97½	92½	6.25	Hydro-Dynamic	93½	– 1	4.9	10.7
83½	59½	11.00	IES	63½	...	1.6	...
385	145½	18.50	I S Solutions	385	+ 10	0.2	..
612½	137½	91.20	Indol Energy	512½	– 45	...	..
85½	63½	13.20	Indol Radio	74	– 3½	...	..
332½	192½	82.50	Infobank Intl	330	...	..	..
96½	84½	20.20	Inner Workings	95½	...	...	...
125	125	3.25	Integrd As Mgt	125	...	...	...
62	24	19.00	Intelligent Env	62	+ 10½	...	...
397½	330	21.80	Inter-Alliance	397½	...	...	...
7	6¼	15.20	Intl Tool & Sup	6¼	...	..	..
141	37½	53.80	Internet Tech	132½	+ 31	...	...
552½	372½	72.90	Intl Greetings	552½	+ 15	1.6	19.8
172½	77½	19.80	IOC Intl	79½	+ 1	...	..
287½	148	12.70	ITG Group	287½	+ 13	...	...
49½	43½	4.14	Jardinerie Ints	47	...	...	...
210½	164½	8.23	Jasmin	187	...	...	10.7
416	335	26.30	Jennings Bros	355	– 8½	2.7	27.3
4	3	4.15	J Lewis Hiord	3	– ½	4.5	12.0
60½	45½	10.30	Jordec	60½	+ 1½	...	14.1
46½	17½	5.85	Jumbo Intl	41½	+ 13	..	..
3	1¼	3.02	Just Group	1½	..	...	...
319½	105½	129.80	KS Biomedix	288½	– 4	...	...
42½	37½	4.31	Kern River	37½	...	...	...
55½	24½	2.74	Keystone Soft	24½	– 4	..	...
25½	9½		Keystone Wts	9½	– ½	...	..
193½	158½	18.20	Kingfisher Ls	187½	+ 3	1.3	16.6
247½	122½	9.66	Lady in Leisure	230	– 5	...	26.5
185½	122½	7.88	Landround	175	...	2.4	21.2
28½	12	5.03	La Senza	15	...	...	...
427½	415	29.10	Lawrence	415	...	2.4	15.9
4250	3750	80.80	Lavrie Group	4250	...	2.2	11.1
95½	53½	4.44	Lepco	60	...	...	23.6
545	490	90.50	Le Riches Strs	545	...	4.8	17.3
495	495	9.90	Loades	495	..	0.3	14.3
31½	16½	7.20	Loftus Road	18	..	...	.
8¼	6¼	2.39	Lon & Edin Publ	7½	...	..	...
125	87	3.12	London Town	125	...	2.2	9.1
189½	127½	5.73	Longbridge Intl	173½	..	3.7	...
144½	128½	4.63	Longmead	128½	– 4	4.9	8.7
27½	22½	5.22	Loor	22½	...	...	...
2	1¼	2.16	Lotterylong	1¼	..	. .	35.4
1	0¾	0.09	Lotterylong Wts	0½	.	.	...
36½	29½	3.96	MMS Petroleum	32½	...	..	...
23¾	5½	13.40	Magnum Power	15¾	– ½	..	..
510	376½	62.20	Majestic Wine	475	+ 60	0.9	33.7
9½	5	3.75	Manx & O'seas	6¼	– ¼	...	37.9
55½	47½	7.03	Market Link Pb	47½	..	0.8	12.7
115	102½	2.41	Matrix Hlthcare	105	...	7.1	18.0
13½	11¼	4.92	Mears Group	13¼	+ 1	3.0	10.6
38½	20½	55.20	Medisys	33	– ½	...	...
65½	50½	37.20	Megalomedia	51	...	0.5	21.0
56½	43½	0.48	Megalomedia Wts	43½	...	...	...
38	21½	37.90	Memory Corp	34	+ 5	...	...
73½	60½	60.50	Metalsrussia	60½	.	...	.
65½	53½	4.80	Methven's	56½	...	...	.
11½	11	3.99	Metrodome	11	.	...	...
85½	45½	26.60	Minorplanet	67½	...	...	...
85½	69½	4.73	Mondas	77½	...	...	...
380	280	32.70	Moorepay	302½	+ 10	2.0	34.2
110	67½	8.36	Mountcashel	110	+ 19	..	...
70½	35	12.40	Mulberry Group	60	+ 9½	3.1	12.2
3½	2	2.18	MultiMedia	3½	...	...	.
15¼	14	1.04	NECA	14	...	4.5	.
63	47½	24.80	NMT	63	+ 8	..	. .
78½	52½	2.03	NRP	70	– 4½	2.2	...
372½	184½	40.70	Nsb Retail Sys	370	+ 24	0.4	...
225	152½	12.00	NWF Grp	152½	– 2½	6.6	8.2
195	155	11.90	Nash (Wm)	170	...	5.9	6.1
260	260	9.10	Neill Clerk	260	..	1.8	. .
65½	51½	9.69	Netcall	62½	– 2½	...	...
80	80	1.52	Norhomes	80	..	...	24.8
25	14½	3.61	Nthn Petm	19½	– 1	...	. .
80½	48½	4.88	Northstar Sec	77½	...	...	...
55½	23	0.95	Northstar Sec Wts	47½	...	...	...
159½	129½	113.90	Nursing Home	159½	+ 4½	5.2	25.7
1¾	1¼	0.68	Omnimedia	1¾	..	..	.
30½	14½	0.66	On Line	20	– 2½	..	...
227½	137½	16.20	Optoplast	186	– ½	2.1	13.1
21	10¾	18.10	Oxford Biomedica	15½	+ 1½	...	...
1¼	0½	9.09	Pacific Media	0¾	.	..	..
39½	19½	9.22	Pan Andean Res	19½	– 1	.	...
240	235	5.64	Park Esns(Liv)	235		5.5	18.2
122½	77	6.12	Peel Hotels	122½	..		
21	14½	8.52	Pembertons	17¼	– ¼	.	.
183½	127½	10.70	Pennant Intl	161½	– 5	. .	20.3
43½	35½	5.81	Personal No Co	37½	+ 1	.	.
155	85½	47.70	Petra Diamonds	142½	+ 12	...	...
122	60	1.75	Petra Dmnds Wt	105	– 2½	..	...
30½	14½	10.50	Philippine Gd	15½	– 5	...	.
62½	47½	11.70	Pilat Tech	54½	...	2.6	...
148½	106½	27.00	Polymasc Pharms	135	– 6½	...	...
1½	0¾	1.64	Pordum Foods	0¾	...	...	...
1	0¼	0.16	Pordum Fds Wts	0¼	...	...	...
16	12¼	10.90	Premier Asset Mgt	12½	...	...	...
7	3¾	231.40	Prestbury Group	6¼	...	0.6	27.2
445	425	8.50	Preston Nth E	425	...	...	...
97½	94½	15.20	Primary Hlth Pr	95	...	5.9	20.9
490	344	108.20	Prism Rail	427½	...	2.6	...
107½	84½	14.80	Pycraft & Arnold	95	– 1	1.3	15.5
118½	76½	19.60	Q Group	117½	+ 17½	0.5	13.2
847½	620	204.60	Ramco Egy	677½	+ 7½	..	...
9	6½	10.00	Range Cooker	8	+ ½	...	7.2
100½	77½	15.00	Raphael Zrn	100½	+ 6	3.1	13.2
67½	33	6.08	Recycling Servs	37½	...	1.7	64.7
19½	5½	2.09	Reflec	7	...	...	...
7	5	6.03	Revelation Plc	6½	+ ½	6.0	6.7
20½	16	11.40	Riceman Insce	17¼	+ ¼	...	16.5
108½	102½	5.64	Romtec	108½	..	1.7	23.3
357½	175	28.80	SBS	332½	...	0.9	33.5
152½	125½	15.20	SCi Ent	129½	+ 2	...	..
14½	4½	1.12	SEA Multimedia	4½	...	...	...
110	65½	8.27	Salestore	82	...	...	...
69½	55½	5.69	Sanctuary Music	57½	+ 2	...	...
127½	112½	6.25	Savoy Asset Mgt	127½	...	4.0	15.7
213	165½	34.30	Science Sys	201½	...	0.9	...
11½	7½	1.22	Scotswood Inds	11½	...	. .	...
3	2	5.09	Screen	2	– ¼	...	...
305	305	14.60	Scruttons	305	...	5.3	57.8
42½	42½	8.29	Selector	42½	...	...	...
190½	170½	12.10	Shalibane	170½	...	3.3	10.8
84½	69½	4.37	Shelton (M)	82½	– 1	6.4	17.3
47½	15½	109.90	Sibir Energy	18	...	...	...
4¼	3	7.36	Sira Bus Serv	3¼	...	2.3	12.3
1¼	0¾	0.14	Sira Bus Wts	0¾	...	..	...
1½	0¾	6.73	Snakeboard	1	...	...	...
72½	42½	3.31	Solid State Sp	52½	...	7.1	19.0
260	190½	12.00	Solitaire	260	...	2.9	23.2
28½	14½	2.73	Soundtracs	27	...	1.9	...
3½	2	3.57	South Beach Care	2	...	...	...
830	740	201.70	Southern News	830	...	3.2	16.2
94½	84½	17.30	Southern Vectis	87½	...	3.0	13.6
950	327	111.00	Staffware	917½	+120	0.3	...
157½	77	17.10	Stanford Rook	86	– 13½	..	...
196½	104½	23.00	Stentor	196½	+ 51½	...	...
71½	37		Stentor Warrants	71½	+ 16	..	...
174½	125	27.50	Style Hldgs	174	+ 11½	0.6	...
145	142	14.30	Sutton Harbour	143½	...	3.0	19.4
9	7	0.94	Syst Integ Rsch	7	...	...	...
23	14	4.06	TDS Circuits	19¼	– ½	...	7.9
67½	20½	10.40	Theo Fennell	64½	...	...	29.1
5¾	5	9.45	Thomas Potts	5¼	...	3.8	39.5
35½	28½	3.60	Tom Hoskins	35	...	...	...
117½	97½	15.90	Total Office	98½	– 4	5.2	...
70	32	9.25	Tradepoint Fcl	32	...	...	...
160	140	5.80	Trinity Care	145	...	4.3	41.2
170	150	1.33	Trinity Care Pf	150	...	6.2	...
38	38	3.46	Univent	38	...	...	19.1
347½	282½	6.21	Utd Auctions	345	+ 35	3.4	16.0
235	132½	15.80	VDC	150	– 5	4.3	12.1
42½	27½	89.90	Victory Corp	28½	...	...	...
160	125	3.78	Voss Net	135	...	...	..
75	26½	21.50	WML	75	+ 7	...	...
108	75	37.60	Waterfall	91½	+ 1	...	19.4
53½	27	9.88	Watermark	52	– 1	2.1	...
5	4¼	6.06	Weeks Group	4¼	– ¼	3.1	7.7
87	50	3.74	West 175 Entex	72	– 8	...	...
£145	£125	9.12	West Bromwich	£125	...	..	...
13½	12	5.55	Western Selectn	12¾	+ ¼	...	30.1
4½	4½	0.28	Western Sel Wts	4½	...	...	...
300	111½	27.40	Westmount Engy	245	+ 95	...	...
147½	89½	7.08	Whitecross	147½	...	...	..
84½	60½	9.03	Winchester	70	...	...	...
193	152	40.70	World Telecom	185	...	...	..
145	135	4.84	Wynnstay Props	145	...	4.3	15.0
13½	5½	11.30	Xavier Comp	11½	..	...	10.2
88½	81½	3.91	Yeoman	81½			
262½	215	28.80	Zergo	255	– 2½	..	...
7	3	0.69	Zicor Mining	3	...	...	...

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CORPORATE PROFILE: *Abbey National*



Abbey House, the London head office, where Lord Tugendhat, left, chairman, and Ian Harley lead the board. Joanna Lumley launched Abbey's move into private medical insurance, although branches are still pivotal in the group's strategy of selling mortgages and other financial products

THE FACTS

Pre-tax profits (1997): £1.4bn before exceptionals
Total assets: £150.8bn
Market cap: £15.2bn
Proportion of profit from non-traditional activities: 49.3 per cent
Share of the UK mortgage market: 14 per cent
Employees: 25,464
Overview: Has diversified away from savings and mortgages to embrace treasury operations, life insurance, pensions and general insurance.

THE BOARD

Ian Harley takes the helm of a board dominated by — its critics would say riddled with — chartered accountants. No fewer than seven directors bear the initials FCA after their names, including the chief executive himself.

However, this surfeit of number-crunchers is more than complemented by a broad mix of backgrounds among the non-execs, led by **Lord Tugendhat**.

A former financial journalist and Conservative MP, Lord Tugendhat has often deflated some of the more outlandish ideas floated by *Peter Birch, former chief* executive, and other executives. It was Lord Tugendhat who poured cold water on the proposed merger last year with NatWest.

While in Parliament, Lord Tugendhat may have run into his fellow director **Sir Terry Heiser**, a career civil servant who also sits on the boards of J Sainsbury and Wessex Water. Helpfully, he is also a director of the Personal Investment Authority, the financial watchdog.

For advice on the retail business, the board can turn to **Mair Barnes**, executive chairman of Vantios, the parent of Dolland & Aitchison, the optician chain, and a former managing director of Woolworths. A more recent recruit is **Peter Ogden**, who has just brought his own company, Computacenter, to the stock market in a £1.3 billion flotation.

James Tuckey, chief executive of MEPC, the property company, has been on the board since 1990. His brother, Andrew, lost his job at Barings after Barings failed. **Lord Shuttleworth** joined with the acquisition of National & Provincial. **Lord Rockley** is a non-executive director of Kleinwort Benson.

IF YOU live in a 1930s London house, the chances are that its construction was financed by Abbey National. The former building society, then known simply as Abbey Road after the location of its headquarters, helped to build the city's suburbs by pioneering an innovative lending scheme. The proceeds ultimately allowed it to outgrow its own London roots and later to merge with the National Building Society.

Being in the vanguard is a habit that Abbey finds difficult to let go. It was the first building society to test the waters of the stock market, converting to a bank in 1989. Remarkably, for a long while it managed to retain the cuddly, safe image associated with mutual lenders, while behaving much like any other high street bank.

Throughout Abbey's history, mortgage lending has been at the heart of its business. On the basis of outstanding loans, it is the country's second-biggest lender with a 14 per cent market share. Only Halifax — now also a bank — is larger, providing one in five of the nation's home loans. But all is not well at Abbey's core.

Its share of net new lending has plunged in recent years, reaching its nadir in the first quarter of 1997 when new loans hit zero. New entrants to the market have been able to undercut the traditional players with their expensive branch networks. Simultaneously, the remaining mutuals, led by Nationwide, have embarked on a discounting campaign. On top of that, the Great British mortgage is fast becoming a commodity item.

"There is no long-term future in the mortgage market," admits Ian Harley, the former Abbey finance director who took over the job of chief executive earlier this year. "The market is growing at just 5 per cent per year." He said recently that its share of new loans was unlikely to exceed 5 per cent in 1998.

"When you are an established player, the others are always going to do better. You have to hunker down and defend *your position. But it is* counterintuitive to think that we are going to do our share of stock lending," says Harley. In future Abbey will aim for a market share of new lending somewhere between 5 and 10 per cent.

Harley's repsonse to the contraction in Abbey's mortgage business is to continue the diversification programme started by his predecessor, Peter Birch. At flotation, Birch — a former marketing executive from Gillette — set the bank a target of deriving 50 per cent of its profits from non-traditional businesses by 2000.

Abbey easily achieved that goal last year through a mix of strategic acquisitions and home-grown businesses. The first significant buy was Scottish Mutual, the Glaswegian life insurer. The £285 million deal, struck in 1991, gave the bank access to the upper tier of *the life and pensions market* which is serviced by independent financial advisers.

Birch was soon on a roll, earning himself a reputation as a fine deal-maker. He bought a consumer finance house (First National), a discount house (Cater Allen), but his crowning achievement was the £1.35 billion purchase in July 1995 of National & Provincial Building Society — the first instance of a successful hostile bid for a mutual.

Abbey also built up a Treasury operation. Headed by Gareth Jones, last year treasury accounted for almost 22 per cent of profits. Life assurance contributes close to 12 per cent, while the remaining profits from outside the mortgages and savings business came from consumer finance and general insurance.

During this reshaping, Abbey clearly benefited from its unique position in the sector: the only building society on the stock market. Inevitably, its success gave rise to imitators, and in 1997 four other societies — Halifax, Woolwich, Alliance & Leicester and Northern Rock — followed it to the London Stock Exchange.

Unfortunately, a by-product of last year's wave of demutualisations — and the accompanying wall of free shares — was that the public quickly woke up to the fact that Abbey was indeed a bank. It also led to further erosion of its mortgage share. Chiefs of the remaining societies, eager to defend their mutuality, quickly pointed out that the new banks charge more for their mortgages and pay less on their savings accounts.

Ultimately, Harley wants Abbey to reach a fresh goal of a mere 35 per cent profit dependency on the mortgage and savings market within the next five years. A number of "springboard" acquisitions may be required to achieve this objective, but Harley believes that the emphasis should be on organic growth within retail financial services.

His comments may unsettle some of his fellow board members who believe that Abbey's main strength lies with its mortgage franchise. Move too far from home loans, and they fear the brand could suffer. However, Harley has not given up on mortgages entirely. Abbey is making every effort not only to win new borrowers, but more importantly to retain existing customers. The latter is vital as borrowers stay on average just seven years with a lender.

Abbey will not, however, compete on price. It aims to regain market share through flexibility of product and customer service. This is at the centre of the latest advertising campaign, running under the catchline: because life's complicated enough. In a nutshell, by simplifying the process of taking out a mortgage, yet also offering customers a broad range of options, Abbey hopes to win new business.

In the meantime, the City will continue to speculate about possible takeovers or acquisitions, in spite of Harley's best efforts to insist that Abbey will remain independent. His cause has not been helped by confirmed reports that the bank flirted last year with both NatWest and Prudential. Others think it may get into bed with one of the two Scottish banks.

With the price of financial stocks still so high, Abbey is fairly safe from domestic predators, with the possible exception of HSBC, owner of Midland Bank. But any foreign financial institution looking to extend its activities into the UK might well find the Abbey habit an attractive one.

Abbey National does not presently see the setting of a specific corporate expression of ethical intent — such as a statement of business principles — as a top priority, earning it few points from Integrity Works, our consultant. In today's climate of greater openness, it needs to make its business principles very clear to employees and public alike.

Abbey has too many non-executive directors for comfort, but generally runs a tight ship, according to Crisp Consulting. Peter Birch was paid £657,000 in 1997 and realised £123,000 on share options. The imputed value of his options took his total package to £1.8 million. Big as it sounds, Crisp says this is comfortably less than the £2.4 million that might be expected for someone with his experience running a company of this size.

RICHARD MILES

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

"The gloss is wearing off Abbey National. The brand doesn't carry as much weight as perhaps four or five years ago, and it could do with picking up a dedicated life brand such as Norwich Union or Legal & General. But prices are too high at the moment. Otherwise, with a 5 per cent decline in spreads on mortgage business, we see net income coming down in the first half." — *Rob Down, ABN Amro.*

"It's really steady-as-she-goes at Abbey National. Strategically, an acquisition would make sense: it has both the capital and experience to do that. But Abbey also needs to do some hard strategic thinking about how it jazzes up the mortgage business. The market is growing at about 6 per cent per annum. You would hope to keep up with that or you do have a worry." — *John Leonard, Salomon Smith Barney.*

OUR VERDICT

Ethical expression[1]	3/10
Fat-cat quotient[2]	9/10
Financial record	7/10
Share performance	9/10
Attitude to employees	8/10
Strength of brand	7/10
Innovation	4/10
Annual report	6/10
City star rating	7/10
Future prospects	5/10
Total	65/100

Ethical expression is evaluated by *Integrity Works*. The Fat-cat quotient, in which best boardroom pay practice scores highest, is provided by *Crisp Consulting*.

Co-op predicts fresh store wars over Isa

BY JON ASHWORTH

PLANS to link the new individual savings account (Isa) with supermarket loyalty cards *seem certain to trigger a fresh* round of "store wars" next year, Co-op leaders meeting in Lincoln were told yesterday.

Unveiling plans for a high-interest, instant access savings account for 1.7 million Co-op dividend cardholders, Mervyn Pedelty, chief executive of the Co-operative Bank, predicted fierce competition when Isas go on sale in the spring. He told delegates: "The Government has made it very clear that it is launching Isas in order to encourage ordinary people to save more. What better way to do this than to link a tax-free savings element to a supermarket loyalty card scheme?"

Mr Pedelty added: "As people will be limited to one Isa per person, this could lead to intense competition among the various retailers each wanting their own loyalty card to be the Isa-linked one." The Co-op will be piloting its new plastic card account later in the summer.



Pedelty: savings account

More than 1,000 delegates are attending the Co-operative Movement's annual congress, which ends today. Alan Middleton, president of the Co-operative Congress, yesterday called for the establishment of separate Co-op businesses for Scotland, Wales and the English regions, in line with political devolution. He said: "Successful consumer Co-operatives were born out of the communities they served."

Co-operative societies in the UK generate sales of £8 billion a year, and operate 4,500 outlets, ranging from superstores to corner shops. The Co-operative Movement provides financial services and is Britain's biggest commercial farmer.

Public switched off over digital TV

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

AS FEW as 5 per cent of the population are aware that digital terrestrial television is to be launched later this year, according to a survey published today.

The survey conducted for Radio Rentals, the company owned by Thorn, also found that 28 per cent of the population had not heard of digital terrestrial television.

The opinion poll conducted by ICM showed public indifference and confusion about the technology that will make 30 new channels available in the first week of November.

Although 72 per cent have heard of digital terrestrial television 60 per cent have not heard of the set-top boxes that will be needed to receive the digital picture. Moreover, 80 per cent of the 1,004 sample of adults interviewed in late March did not realise that analogue television signals will be switched off — although a date has yet to be set for that to happen.

Mike Ryan, marketing and merchandising director of Radio Rentals, said yesterday: "There is a lot of consumer confusion about what digital will, or will not, deliver and we intend to use our independence to offer objective, unbiased advice."

Companies such as Radio Rentals and Granada obviously hope that confusion in the public mind will lead consumers to rent rather than buy in the short term. Set-top boxes, whether for digital satellite or digital terrestrial, are likely to sell at a subsidised price of £199 at the outset — almost half the true retail cost.

Unions accuse Biwater chief of media-bullying

BY FRASER NELSON

ADRIAN WHITE, the millionaire BBC governor who owns Biwater, has been condemned by a global federation of trade unions for "bullying" the South African media through his multinational water company.

Public Service International (PSI), which represents 20 million workers, has accused Mr White's pipe-maintainence company of using strong-arm tactics to make the SABC, South Africa's state-run television service, retract its criticisms of Biwater.

It has released documents which it claims shows that Biwater allegedly threatened to freeze £25 million of investment in the country until the SABC apologised for suggesting that Biwater is known for leaky pipes and poor service.

Hans Engelberts, general secretary of the PSI, said: "This behaviour is unacceptable bullying from any multinational. It is especially shocking that the owner and chairman of Biwater, Adrian White, is a governor of the BBC whose World Service has enjoyed the reputation for objective broadcasting.

Biwater, which has a South Africa subsidiary, dismissed the PSI's criticisms as a "paranoid attempt to criticise the first successful, legally tendered privatisation in South Africa."

It continued: "Biwater took steps in South Africa — as it would in any country — to remove false and defamatory articles. The company will not tolerate its name, nor that of its chairman, being misquoted, slandered or libelled."

The company also pointed out that the SABC retracted its *claims in January, and made a* full apology.

In the UK, Biwater has already taken sucessful action against *Private Eye* and *The Independent* after suggestions that it won overseas contracts as a result of its donations to the Conservative Party.

Biwater was formed in 1968 to produce water purifiers for swimming pools, and the weight of its business remains in civil engineering and infrastructure support. It holds infrastructure contracts worldwide.

The BBC confirmed that Mr White remains one of its 12 governors. It said: "This is an issue for him personally."

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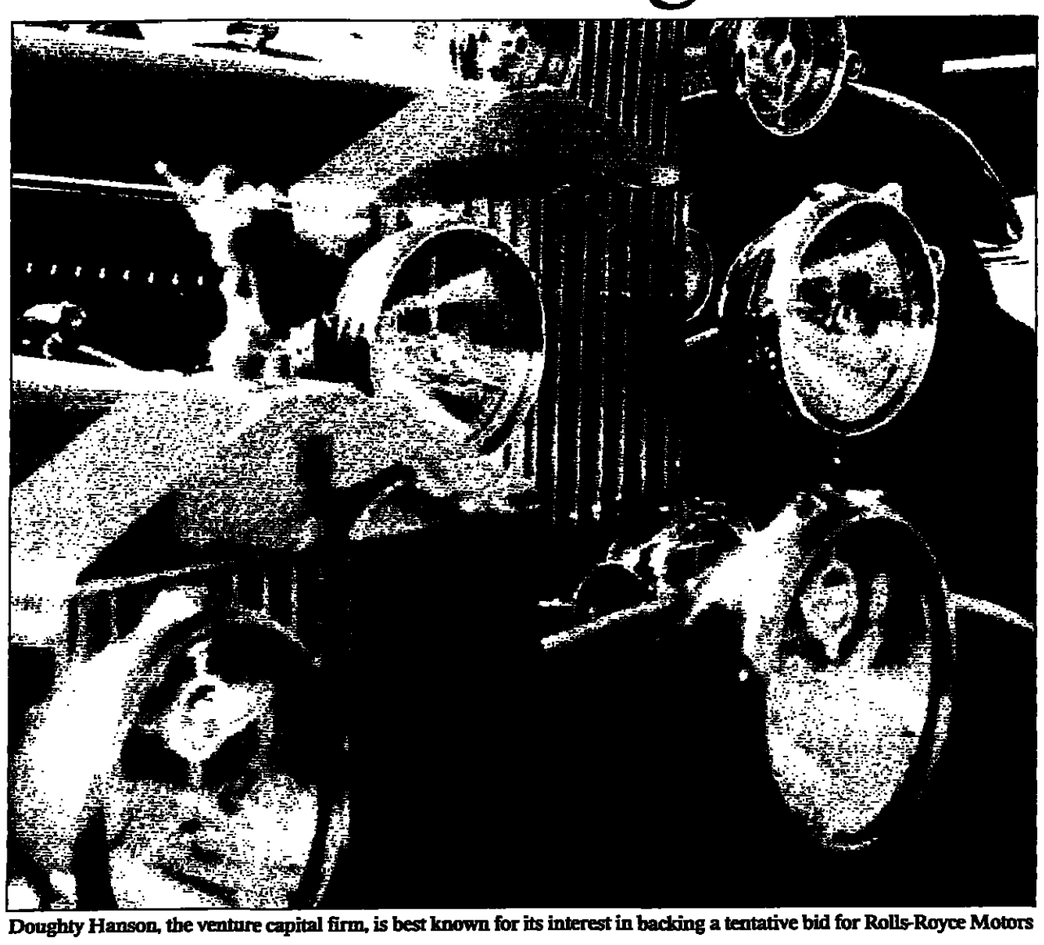
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Venture capitalists get a taste for the big time

Robert Cole says the traditional image of the sector as worthy but oh-so-dull no longer applies



Doughty Hanson, the venture capital firm, is best known for its interest in backing a tentative bid for Rolls-Royce Motors

Time was when venture capital was shunned by self-respecting, ambitious corporate financiers. Venture capital was small beer. It was about helping entrepreneurial-minded subsidiary managers to split away from unsympathetic parent groups. It was about tedious Northern engineering firms, batty inventors, or technology companies with incomprehensibly complicated ideas for computer software. All very worthy perhaps, but dull.

No longer. Venture capital is becoming the domain of big swingers. Deals are getting larger, competition for deals among suppliers of venture capital is growing hotter and the structure of deals is getting more sophisticated. It is just the kind of environment that sets pulses pounding.

The metamorphosis has thrust new names to the fore as well. A survey published by the finance magazine *Acquisitions Monthly* crowned an outfit called Doughty Hanson as kings of the continental buyout, from the equity arrangement side. Other names, hitherto barely recognisable, also featured: Advent International, Industri Kapital, Gilde Investment Funds and Alpha Associates.

Doughty's supremacy came largely thanks to its involvement in one deal — the £750 million buyout of Geberit, the Swiss plumbing equipment company. As the survey was based on monetary size of deals, rather than numbers of deals, it could be said that Doughty is not as significant a player as it may at first seem. *But the Doughty story does illustrate* the changing ways of the once sleepy venture capital industry.

Doughty is perhaps best known for its involvement with the capital-restructuring of the Swiss watchmaker Tag Heuer — which marked the launch of a new collection with nude photographs of top athletes, including Boris Becker, the German tennis star, last year — and its tentative interest in backing a bid for Rolls-Royce Motors. Based in Grosvenor Square, in London the firm is run by Nigel Doughty and Dick Hanson — no relation to the conglomerate lord of the same name. They do not talk to the press but are described as being in their early forties, and possessed with copious quantities of drive.

Messrs Doughty and Hanson came together when they worked for the venture capital arm of Charterhouse Bank in the early part of the last decade. Before starting their own firm in 1995 they were leading lights at CWB Capital Partners, a joint venture between Charterhouse and Westdeutsche Landesbank.

Doughty Hanson, the firm, is variously portrayed by rivals and those who have done business with it. Some highlight aggressive negotiating tactics employed. One said the firm's personnel, below Messrs Doughty and Hanson, are "all Americans" as if that described the ethos of the operation.

"Mavericks," and "spivs" are two of the less kind descriptions of Doughty folk. But these comments could well be tinged with more than an element of envy. For Doughty has been very successful in *what it does. But then again it* could not have attracted funds in the quantities it has without being sucessful. And this, once again, is where Doughty illustrates the direction in which the British venture capital industry is moving.

It is not that the smaller deal has disappeared — they remain the bread and butter of this industry. According to the British Venture Capital Association, 60 per cent of all deals — measured by number — were for less than £1 million. Most of the rest were for less than £5 million.

But some venture capital deals are now large enough to make headlines, and while the big deals are in a minority their size means they will inevitably attract much more attention than the bread and butter arrangements.

According to the Nottingham University-based Centre of Management Buy Out Research, £5.25 billion was spent by venture capitalists in the first three months of 1998. That is £1 billion more than for the first six months of 1996.

Two more came through this month: the £1 billion acquisition of the Dutch packaging group KNP by Cinven and CVC was announced one day and the next CVC — Citicorp Venture Capital — was at it again, leading the £145 million purchase of Brunner Mond, the former ICI subsidiary.



A nude Boris Becker featured in the Tag Heuer promotion

So why are deals getting bigger? And how can it be that these new names can compete so successfully with more established names. And why are deals getting more complex? Unsurprisingly it all boils down to profit.

Returns on venture capital funds regularly achieve 30 per cent a year. This, coupled with the fact that value is so hard to find in established stock market quoted companies, means that venture funds attract increasing attention from big institutional insurance and pension funds.

Deals are getting bigger because venture capital funds such as those of Doughty Hanson are being given the ammunition. Particular interest comes from the US, where asset allocation committees of big insurance and pension funds commonly permit up to 5 per cent of funds to be directed at venture capital. Interest among UK funds is also growing. But the US influence is so significant not only because there is more money to be invested but also because investment opportunities in America are more keenly chased. There are easier pickings, or so it is thought, in Britain and even easier ones on the Continent — where, incidentally, Doughty Hanson concentrates its efforts.

Doughty keep its profits record to itself. But it is safe to say that its record is impressive, otherwise it could not have raised the £1.5 billion it did last autumn. Amounts of money become available in largish chunks, too, so it is possible for relative unknowns to raise big funds from the small coterie of interested investors. Investors, incidentally, among whom the likes of Doughty are far from being faceless.

The handsome returns also *increase competition among* providers of venture capital finance. Auctions, once unknown, are now commonplace. Competition also means that venture capitalists will approach potential vendors with buyout or demerger ideas. Long gone are the days when the managers of venture funds sat back waiting for deals to come to them.

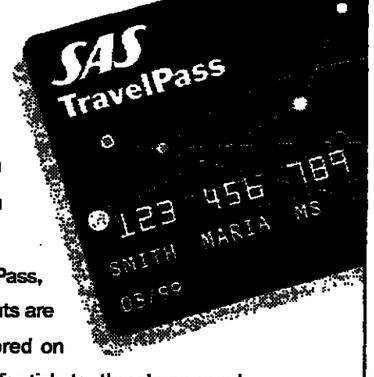
Profit is also behind the added complexities which the new venture capitalists are bringing to the industry. Time was when the venture capital way was to take an equity stake in exchange for providing the buyout finance. Now more and more of the finance is supplied in debt form. If more of the finance is provided by debt, that leaves a greater profits upside for holders of equity.

Classically the debt is provided by banks. But borrowing is increasingly organised through the bond markets. High-yield bonds (also known as junk bonds) are re-emerging, albeit in different forms than the ill-starred predecessors of the 1980s.

It is quite simple really. The burgeoning enthusiasm for venture capital is based on the realisation that there is an awful lot of money to be made. Little wonder, then, that the venture capital industry is throwing off its "dull but worthy" reputation and finding homes for some of the City's brightest, and bravest, talent.

☐ *Additional research by Mike Masokin*

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WORD-WATCHING

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OECUMENE
(c) The inhabited world as known to the ancient Greeks. The Greek for "the inhabited feminine thing [sc. the world]". The same word as *ecumenic(al)*. "The paterfamilias, the head of the Christian family or oicumene, was the emperor in Constantinople."

PIVO
(a) Or *piva*. An Eastern European beer made from barley malt or a similar fermented beverage. The Slavonic word, found in Russian and Polish.

RUGOSA
(a) A hardy shrub rose belonging to the species *Rosa rugosa*, or one of its varieties or hybrids, distinguished by dark green, wrinkled leaves and large, globular, orange-red hips. The feminine of the Latin for "wrinkly". "Rugosas, owing to their very bushy growth, should be in separate beds."

SARON
(b) An Indonesian musical instrument, normally having seven bronze bars which are struck with a stick. The Javanese name transliterated. "The Javanese saron cannot have been constructed much earlier than 900AD. The modern saron has a wooden resonance box which frequently is carved in the shape of a crouching dragon."

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TELEVISION CHOICE

Romance on the terraces



Morrissey, Weisz, Lynam (BBC1, 9pm)

My Summer With Des
BBC1, 9.00pm

Doubling as a Bank Holiday treat and an appetiser for the World Cup, Arthur Smith's drama is billed as a comedy-romance about love and football. Although better known as a craggy comic and all-purpose game show panellist, Smith has hit the writing trail before with *An Evening With Gary Lineker*, the stage hit of which this new piece has echoes. It is set during Euro '96 and stars Neil Morrissey as a loser in life and love whose fortunes are transformed by England's triumphant progress through the tournament and romance with the beautiful Rosie (Rachel Weisz). John Gordon Sinclair, Arabella Weir and Graeme Garden also star. Des could be nobody but Des Lynam who has an acting cameo as Morrissey's mentor, while Ned Sherrin and David Seaman appear as themselves.

Reputations: Kenneth Williams
BBC2, 9.00pm

When Alan Simpson worked with Kenneth Williams on *Hancock's Half Hour* he reckoned that Williams was the happiest man he knew. The theme of Liz Hartford's searching two-part biography (which concludes next Monday) is that Simpson got it terribly wrong. Williams was, on the contrary, the epitome of the tragic clown. His mercurial public presence hid a lonely and unhappy man who was never able to come to terms with his homosexuality. This is not just speculation but writ large in Williams's own diaries, which are a main source for the programme, including extracts not previously published. Williams's professional career was also a disappointment to him. He wanted to be a serious stage actor but became best known for the *Carry On* films. He still gave enormous pleasure.

The Stalker's Apprentice
ITV, 9.00pm

That an apparently well-adjusted, if insufferably cocky, young man should suddenly become a murderer after reading an unpublished novel is a huge premise to swallow. But swallowed it must be if this gruesome thriller is to work. *The Stalker's Apprentice* is also notable for having rhyming characters called Karen, Darren and Sharon, two of whom are fated to end up on the killer's hitlist. He is Marcus (Gideon Turner), a publisher's reader who develops an obsession for a pretty waitress. A manuscript that lands fortuitously on his office desk inspires him to eliminate the rivals for her attention, indeed suggests how he should do it. James Bolam, wearing a sinister pair of specs, plays the novel's creepy author and Peter Davison is the detective on the case. The source of the tale is M. S. Power's book, adapted by Gordon Hann.

Soft Sand, Blue Sea
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A first screenplay for television by Stephen Butchard is set in a children's home in Dublin and focuses on two youngsters, only 13 and nine, who reject the well-meaning efforts of the social services and escape by running away to the seaside. A protégé of Alan Bleasdale, whose production company helped to develop the project, Butchard is a writer of incisive talent who does not go for easy options. On one level this is a very bleak piece. The children's upbringings have left them almost beyond redemption and the authorities have run out of options. At the same time there is enough to suggest that the human spirit is not entirely extinguished. The runaways are beautifully played by two newcomers, Laurence Kinlan and Aimee Mulligan, and Julia Ford is equally effective as their social worker. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

The Quest of the Holy Grail
Radio 4, 10.45pm

Rumbles over the departure of a children's slot on Radio 4 continue, and with justification. The BBC version is that output suitable for children will continue, but in different parts of the schedule. The point arises because, listening to the first part of this beautiful rendition by Sir Derek Jacobi of a classic story, one wonders why it has been placed under the *Book at Bedtime* banner: surely older children ought to be introduced to such stories, but cannot be expected to be listening at this hour (even if they have arrived home). Oh well. Jacobi brings to life this translation by Pauline M. Matarasso, which is faithful to the linguistic style of the original, and anonymous, 13th-century French tale about King Arthur's knights.

Radio 1 Roadshow
Radio 1, 3.00pm

This is a red alert for parents of fractious children who haven't had anything to do this Bank Holiday since you gave them something to do an hour ago: lock them in a room, or a car (bearing in mind that, as with dogs, children need ventilation) for an hour while one of the institutions of British radio blasts its way into our lives. There may be a certain sense of mystery as to why the roadshow is coming from War Memorial Park in Coventry on a Bank Holiday, but to those who ask why, Radio 1 simply replies: why not? Cleopatra, the latest all-girl band to spice up our lives, are among the guests and so is Matthew Marsden from *Coronation Street*, who has apparently embarked on a singing career. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

9.00am Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball 12.00 Jo Whiley 3.00pm Radio 1 Roadshow. See Choice 4.00 Radio 1's All-Time Dance Anthems 7.00 Steve Lamacq: The A-Z of Evening Session Anthems 9.00 Live Music Anthems 10.00 Mary Anne Hobbs' Breezeblock Biggies 1.00am Clive Warren 4.00 Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00am Alex Lester 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.00 John Dunn 7.00 Humphrey Lyttelton 8.00 Big Band Special. The pianist George Shearing is accompanied by the BBC Big Band 8.30 Jools Holland 9.30 Joe Brown's Good Rockin' Tonight 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Annie Othen

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme 9.00 Brian Hayes 12.00 The Midday News 1.00pm Sport on Five. Includes football: Division One play-off final from Wembley; golf: final round of the PGA Championship at Wentworth, racing from Sandown Park. Plus, cricket, tennis, cycling and hockey 5.30 Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.30 Muscular Prose. Nick Coleman takes a look at extreme sports 8.00 Interesting, Very Interesting 9.00 Watt in the World 9.30 Grass Court Tales 10.00 Late Night Live 1.00am Up All Night 5.00 Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Russ Williams 10.00 Paul Coyte 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Robin Banks 7.30 Ray Cokes 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Calmin Jones 5.00 Jeremy Clark

TALK RADIO

6.30am Kirsty Young with Bill Overton 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raeburn 9.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

7.00am News 7.15 Moments of Truth 7.30 Omnibus 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 The Vintage Chart Show 9.00 News; (648 only) News in German 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Newstalk 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Record News 10.30 Westway Access 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Omnibus 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Jazzamatazz 1.00 News; (648 only) News in German 1.05 World Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Seven Days 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Word Up 4.00 World News 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 Westway Access 4.30 Hot New Country; (648 only) News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.15 Insight 6.30 Seven Days; (648 only) News in German 6.45 Sports Roundup 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Quote, Unquote 8.00 News 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multitrack Hit List 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Crisis in the House of David 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Insight 11.45 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Multitrack Hit List 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Westway 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Seven Days 2.45 You and the Law 3.00 Newsday 3.30 On Screen 4.00 News 4.05 World Business Report 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 The World Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Michael Mappin 9.00 The Battle of the Giants. An all-day Bank Holiday special in which two pieces of outstanding classical music are played every hour until 6.00pm, with listeners casting their votes to decide which composer comes out on top. Presented by Nick Bailey, Jane Jones and Jamie Crick 6.00pm Classic at the Movies. Simon Bates celebrates movie music. Includes the Best of British, the Director's Cut, Oscar Winners and some all-time favourites 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven 9.00 Evening Concert. Salieri (Sinfonia La Tempesta di Mare in B flat major); Debussy (La Mer); Beethoven (Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage), Britten (Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes); Haydn (Mass No 11 in D minor, Nelson) 11.00 Mann at Night 2.00am Classic Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

RADIO 3

6.00am **On Air,** with Petroc Trelawny. Includes Bach (Harpsichord Concerto in E, BWV1053); Deg Wiren (Serenade for strings); Handel (Tune Your Harps to Cheerful Strain, Esther)
9.00 **Masterworks,** with Peter Hobday. Includes Dukas (The Sorcerer's Apprentice); Beethoven (Variations on Ich bin der Schneider Kakadu, Op 121a: Elgar (Wand of Youth Suite No 1); Purcell (Jehova, Quam Multi Sunt Hostes Mei)
10.30 **Artist of the Week: Gundula Janowitz**
11.00 **Sound Stories: Musical Correspondents.** Donald Macleod examines the correspondence between Leopold Mozart and his son Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
12.00 ***Composer of the Week: Thea Musgrave***
1.00pm **The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert.** The first of five recitals from this year's Bath International Music Festival. Natalie Clein, cello, Julius Drake, piano. Schumann (Fantasiestücke, Op 73); Bloch (From Jewish Life); Rachmaninov (Cello Sonata in G minor, Op 19)
2.00 **The BBC Orchestras.** BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Mark Wigglesworth and David Atherton, Raphael Oleg, violin. Beethoven (Symphony No 6 in F, Pastoral; Violin Concerto in D); Stravinsky (The Rite of Spring)
4.00 **Sams at the Opera.** Jeremy Sams focuses on the romantic city of Venice
4.45 **Music Machine,** with Tommy Pearson
5.00 **In Tune.** Sean Rafferty begins a week of programmes exploring digital audio broadcasting
7.25 **Performance on 3: Die Ägyptische Helena.** Live from the Royal Festival Hall, a concert performance of Strauss's opera written to a libretto by Hugo von Hofmannsthal. With Deborah Voigt, soprano, Lyuba Kazamovskaya, soprano, Nancy Maultsby, contralto, Royal Opera Chorus and Orchestra under Christian Thielemann. Act 1
8.30 Addicted or Allergic? Christopher Cook, Michael Kennedy and the *Times* opera critic Rodney Milnes discuss the love-hate attitude of the British public and critics to Strauss's operas
8.55 Die Ägyptische Helena, Act 2
10.25 **Postscript: Sleeping on a Volcano.** Personal European views on the legacy of 1848, a year of revolutionary turmoil across the continent
10.45 **Mixing It,** with Mark Russell and Robert Sandall
11.30 **Jazz Notes,** with Digby Fairweather. John Dankworth talks about his life in jazz and his new autobiography *Jazz in Revolution*
12.00 **Composer of the Week: Vivaldi** (r)
1.00am **Through the Night**

RADIO 4

6.00am **Today.** Includes 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day
9.00 **Start the Week,** with the *Times* columnist Melvyn Bragg and guests
9.45 **(LW) Daily Service: New Testament Turkey Pilgrimage.** From the ruins at Laodicea. Presented by Father Oliver McTernan
9.45 **(FM) Serial: The Screwtape Letters.** Letters from a senior to a junior devil by C.S. Lewis, read by Ian Richardson (1/5) (r)
10.00 **News; Woman's Hour: Fighting Fit.** A Bank Holiday special on women's health, held at the Royal College of Nursing
11.00 **News; Last Will and Testament.** Daire Brehan meets people whose lives have been dramatically changed by a will (2/4)
11.30 **Chambers: The Phantom Barrister.** A five-part series of the legal comedy. With John Bird, James Fleet and Sarah Lancashire
12.00 **(LW) News Headlines;** Shipping Forecast
12.00 **(FM) News; You and Yours.** Consumer news with Mark Whittaker 12.57 Weather
1.00 **The World at One,** with Nick Clarke
1.30 **Mastermind.** Chaired by Peter Snow
2.00 **News; The Archers** (r)
2.15 **Afternoon Play: The Greengage Summer,** by Rumer Godden, dramatised for radio by Dawn Lowe Watson. With Ellie Beaven, Abigail Docherty and Ciara Janson
3.45 **My Last Brassiere,** by Mary Flanagan, read by Buffy Davis
4.00 **News; The Food Programme.** Natalie Wheen investigates pet food (r)
4.30 **Four Corners,** with Jane Franchi and guests
5.00 **PM,** with Chris Lowe and Kevin Bocquet 5.54 **(LW)** Shipping Forecast 5.57 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News 6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue.** From the King's Theatre, Southsea. With Humphrey Lyttelton, Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden, Tim Brooke-Taylor and Sandi Toksvig
7.00 **News; The Archers 7.15 Front Row.** Mark Lawson chairs the arts programme
7.45 **Postcards: Gone Fishing,** by Nick Darke. With Diana Berriman, Carl Grose, Mike Shepherd and Bec Applebee (1/5) (r)
8.00 **News; The Voice Squad.** Steve Punt looks at advertising voiceovers
8.30 **Analysis.** Andrew Dilnot examines the power of numbers in the language of politics
9.00 **News; Call of the Wild.** David Attenborough explores nature's use of sound (1/4) (r)
9.30 **Start the Week** (r) 10.00 **The World Tonight**
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: The Quest of the Holy Grail.** Translated by Pauline M. Matarasso, abridged by John Hartley and read by Sir Derek Jacobi (1/10) See Choice
11.00 **The Week's Good Cause.** Lynn Faulds-Wood speaks on behalf of the Cancer Research Campaign (r)
11.02 **Late Night on 4: Weird Tales from the Slip-Road of Urban Paranoia: The Baby Alarm.** Cathy Tyson stars in another of Martin Jameson's darkly satirical dramas. A baby-monitor picks up the sound of a baby in distress. Do you try to track it down — even when the crying turns into something much more frightening? With Tim Dantay, Ann Rye, Melissa Sinden and Seamus O'Neill. Director Martin Jameson
11.30 **A Night with . . . Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub.** Paul Allen talks to the Egyptian-born heart and lung surgeon and pioneer of the artificial heart (r)
12.00 **News 12.30am The Late Book: About a Boy.** Written by Nick Hornby and read by Stephen Tompkinson (6/10)
12.48 **Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service**
5.30 **World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast**
5.40 **Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day**
5.47 **Farming Today,** with Anna Hill

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American import in need of new ingredients

REVIEW



Paul Hoggart

In Friday's comedy tournament between BBC 2 and Channel 4, nowhere is the contrast between British and American styles more sharply illustrated than at 9.30pm when Alexei Sayle goes head-to-head with Michael J. Fox in **Spin City** (Channel 4).

Sayle is idiosyncratic and surreal, patchily brilliant, innovative and genuinely cross about things. *Spin City* is slick, bland and cosy, with the mildly spiced consistency of a chilli-dog in a cotton-wool hoagie. And hold the mustard. The show tries to be politically aware, even a little dangerous. There's a tall gay black man, for instance, who drops lightly camp one-liners on to the script like a drizzle of balsamic vinegar dressing.

And the basic premise, that the Mayor of New York is a dim, shallow, amoral careerist, run entirely by his spin-doctors, seems as appropriate here as there. In Friday's show the team responded to complaints about the indecent material on the city's notorious public access broadcasting.

A kneejerk, under-researched response of the type favoured by British Home Secretaries was imminent. Censorship loomed. New York's porn magnates, however, produced a closed-circuit TV tape of the mayor browsing in the "adult" section of a video store and threatened exposure.

But nothing remotely interesting was done with this issue. There was some *Carry On* film leering when a delegation of porn starlets visited the offices, a tacky strand which was compounded by a largely irrelevant guest appearance from Racquel Welch as the fusspot press secretary's mother.

Welch looks exactly the same today as she did when she wrestled dinosaurs a million years BC. I suspect she is actually a "cyborg", part human, part silicone, but mainly flexible, flesh-toned latex. Sadly her only function in the drama was to get leered at and called "a yummy mummy" and a "a smoking hottie".

The show proves that a team of clever, talented writers, co-operating, competing and endlessly reworking their material can still come up with something appallingly banal. There's a lesson here for Granada, whose team-scripted *Holding the Baby* is being pulled mid-run by ITV in an ominous act of American-style ruthlessness.

Meanwhile, the Saturday evening schedule is becoming a national scandal. It's not that there are no good programmes on, just that they are all repeats (no fewer than five in key slots last week).

Under the circumstances the prospect of the American ventriloquist David **Strassman** (ITV) and his offensive dummy Chuck Wood, glimmered like an oasis amid the dunes of Chad. This one-off spoof chat show followed a format now familiar to British viewers fed on Alan Partridge and Mrs Merton.

And by their guests shall ye know them. Steve Coogan enjoyed the freedom of fictional characters, but Mrs Merton has had the problem of finding people desperate enough to risk an appearance after her first series warned celebrities what was in store. Evidently Chuck Wood's reputation went ahead of him because Strassman managed to hook Brian Sewell and Melinda Messenger.

His act works quite well on its own. Chuck behaves like a revolting little boy. He swears, spits, vomits water and goes in for aggressive interaction with the studio audience. The trouble was that Strassman had no interesting questions to ask either guest and neither guest had anything interesting to say. The "controversial" Mr Sewell decided to fight fire with fire and at one point threatened "to crap" (he didn't say where). Asked what he did during the 11 years before he went to school (unexplained) he replied: "I learnt to masturbate."

Like Loyd Grossman, Sewell is famous for his strained vowel movements. An expert linguist would have serious difficulty transcribing them in the international phonetic alphabet, and they are almost impossible to render in normal English script. The phrase "I don't care", for example, came out something like a staccato "Uy dyiohwnt kiyaah". At one point Chuck ventured an imitation, but it sounded like Marlon Brando as Fletcher Christian and set Strassman's oesophagus wobbling like a plate of jelly on a vibrating foot-massager.

It is not gentlemanly to attack a lady when she is dim, so Melinda Messenger got off comparatively lightly. She seemed genuinely happy to be there and didn't mind the stream of salacious remarks. It made dreary viewing, though. The oasis was a mirage.

Rolf Harris seems single-handedly to have taken on the task of stemming the tide of heartless cynicism engulfing our screens. *Animal Hospital* has scarcely ended when **Rolf's Amazing World of Animals** (BBC1, Sunday) appears with a diet of heart-warming feel-good cheeriness. I don't know if it was the inspiring tale of a faithful dog rescuing her mistress, the couple squirting goat's milk down a baby hedgehog's throat or the cute little pet rats, but as the programme progressed I was feeling increasingly queasy. In fact the main cause of this was Rolf himself. The combination of glutinous sentiment and lurid shirts is devastating.

Anyway, there are too many food programmes these days, and this one was seriously handicapped by the lack of recipes. I accept that it is a good idea to show us how to rear unusual and endangered animals, but what's the point if you don't explain how to cook them? "What's the best thing you can do if you come across a hedgehog?" asked Rolf. Pack it in clay and bake it in a slow oven, silly.

7.00am News (T) and weather (3891895)

7.10 Teletubbies (r) (9522090) **7.35** Postman Pat (r) (2458106) **7.50** The Flintstone Comedy Show (r) (7695922) **8.15** Blue Peter (r) (T) (5020980) **8.40** Funky Phantom (4867651) **9.05** Buried Treasure (2397090) **9.25** Sweet Valley High (r) (8821212) **9.50** Teddy Trucks (r) (7211038) **9.55** Teletubbies (6735564)

10.25 News (T) and weather (3786598)

10.35 The Love Bug (1968) with Dean Jones. FILM The first in the series of comedies about Herbie, an irrepressible Volkswagen Beetle with a mind of its own. Directed by Robert Stevenson (T) (67123922)

12.20pm Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (6660941)

12.45 The General (1354534)

1.05 News (T) and weather (11297187)

1.15 Regional News (14163038)

1.20 Neighbours (T) (84603767)

1.45 Problem Child II (1991) John Ritter moves to a new town with obnoxious FILM adopted son Michael Oliver in search of romance. Directed by Brian Levant (T) (8908854)

3.10 Disney Time Disney World Cup special featuring a host of soccer heroes and classic clips (T) (2376729)

3.55 War *Games (1983) with Matthew Broderick as a precocious teenager who FILM nearly triggers a nuclear apocalypse. Directed by John Badham (T) (733212)

5.40 Neighbours (r) (T) (250318)

6.05 News (T) and weather (437293)

6.25 Regional News (968748)

6.30 The Megatastic Comic Relief Red Nose Awards Viewers' favourite stars receive their accolades in a *Live and Kicking* and *Comic Relief* awards ceremony. All Saints and Five provide the music (T) (77361)

7.30 Gary Lineker's Golden Boots In the last of the series, Gary travels to the birth place of Jules Rimet, the man behind the World Cup; and meets the legendary World Cup goalscorer Just Fontaine. Plus: Michel Platini, organiser of the tournament in France (T) (293)

8.00 EastEnders Restaurateur Rosa cooks up an ingenious plan to draw in more custom (T) (4835)

8.30 Kiss Me Kate Kate struggles to write a speech for the Business Women's Luncheon (T) (6670)

9.00 CHOICE **My Summer with Des** Arthur Smith's romantic comedy starring Neil Morrissey, set in the summer of Euro '96 (T) (9975496)

10.20 News (T), regional news and weather (337380)

10.40 The Golden Child (1986) Social worker FILM Eddie Murphy is employed by oriental sages to locate a mystical youngster with the power to bring world peace. Also with Charles Dance. Directed by Michael Ritchie (T) (3299477)

12.10am Crack in the World (1965) with Dana FILM Andrews, Janette Scott and Kieron Moore. Sci-fi thriller about experiments to harness the earth's inner energy. Directed by Andrew Morton (2275152)

1.40 Weather (3900688)

1.45 BBC News 24 *(39607)*

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6.10am Animated English: The Creature Comforts Story (3176632) **6.35** Managing Schools (5337903) **7.00** Carlos Saura's Sevillanas (r) (2316699)

7.50 Peter Ibbetson (1935, b/w) Fantasy FILM romance based on George du Maurier's novel, with Gary Cooper and Ann Harding. Childhood sweethearts separated as youngsters realise years later that fate is lending a hand to bring them back together. Directed by Henry Hathaway (T) (7009496)

9.15 The Lives of a Bengal Lancer (1934, FILM b/w) with Gary Cooper and Franchot Tone. Acclaimed adventure set in colonial India in which three Bengal Lancers imprisoned by a band of rebels join forces to foil a native uprising. Directed by Henry Hathaway (T) (58037670)

11.00 International Golf A preview of this afternoon's final round and report from Wentworth (15651)

12.00 My Man Godfrey (1936, b/w) Comedy FILM with William Powell. A spoilt aristocrat hires a tramp as her butler, little anticipating how valuable he will prove. Gregory La Cava directs (50309)

1.30pm International Golf Steve Rider introduces the final 18 holes of the PGA Championship at Wentworth (95079090)

5.35 Top Gear Motorsport A profile of the Formula Three hotshots; and the Vectra SRi Challenge (780496)

6.05 The Simpsons Featuring the voice of Leonard Nimoy (T) (435835)

6.25 Space 1999 (T) (379361)

7.15 They Who Dare Profile of Alessandro Crudo, who specialises in scaling frozen waterfalls (r) (T) (551767)

7.30 Computers Don't Bite Cooking by computer; high-street shopping via the Internet; buying a second-hand PC (835)

8.00 Birding with Bill Oddie May Bank Holiday weekend draws Bill to the South Coast (T) (2477)

8.30 Ground Force How to transform a lumpy garden into a racetrack for a wheelchair-user's radio-controlled cars (r) (T) (4212)



Actor Kenneth Williams (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Reputations** First in a two-part profile of Kenneth Williams, best known for his roles in more than 20 *Carry On* films. With contributions from Sheila Hancock, Leslie Phillips and Michael Parkinson (T) (4309)

10.00 Carry On Doctor (1968) The regular FILM team, augmented by Frankie Howerd, find themselves in hospital. Directed by Gerald Thomas (T) (88670)

11.30 Hancock's Half Hour (r) (T) (77903)

12.00 The Phil Silvers Show (r) (48775)

12.30am Learning Zone: Behind a Mask (91591) **1.30** Humanity and the Scaffold (77336) **2.00** Special Needs (89317) **4.00** The New Get By in French France (54369) **5.00** Computers Don't Bite (5069442) **5.45** Scenes from Dr Faustus (85715)

6.00am GMTV (9453651)

9.25 Tiny Toons' Spring Break (6486274)

10.15 Oscar (1991) with Sylvester Stallone, FILM Ornella Muti and Peter Riegert. Comedy about a gangster who desperately wants to go straight, but can't quite manage to shake off his past. Directed by John Landis (T) (120729)

12.15pm News (T) and weather (6888922)

12.25 Lawrence of Arabia (1962) with Peter FILM O'Toole, Alec Guinness and Anthony Quinn. David Lean's epic dramatisation of T.E. Lawrence's (T) (19927903)

4.20 News (T) and weather (5477816)

4.30 Regional News (6202477)

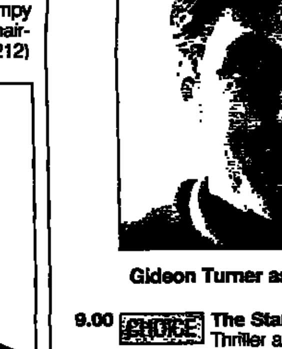
4.35 The Living Daylights (1987) Timothy FILM Dalton makes an impressive debut as James Bond, 007, when he becomes embroiled in the defection of a KGB general, who just happens to be involved in a drugs deal with a crazed American arms merchant. Also with Jeroen Krabbe. Directed by John Glen (T) (56997380)

7.00 Wish You Were Here? A children-friendly holiday centre in the Lake District and a Caribbean cruise that begins and ends in the Dominican Republic; Sweden; the Orient Express from Venice to Paris (T) (3583)

7.30 Coronation Street Leanne reaches a drastic decision (T) (361)

8.00 Schofield's TV Gold Classic television moments (r) (T) (9903)

8.30 Police, Camera, Action!: International Patrol The California Highway Patrol officers carry out roadside sobriety tests in LA's notorious areas; Los Angeles County rescue helicopters help an injured horse; and a quantity of drugs is seized (r) (T) (8038)



Gideon Turner as Marcus (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **The Stalker's Apprentice** Thriller about a young man's dangerous infatuation with a woman he sees while travelling to work on a train. With Gideon Turner (T) (6651)

10.30 ITN News (T); weather (507800)

10.45 Regional News (T) (960835)

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10.50 The World Music Awards 1998 Gloria Estefan and Jason Priestly host the awards ceremony from Monte Carlo. Featuring performances from Mariah Carey, Puff Daddy, All Saints and the Backstreet Boys (80309187)

12.50am Highlander *(r) (5269510)*

1.50 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (r) (5606125)

2.35 World Football (r) (6582881)

3.05 Tales of the Cider County (99785046)

3.30 Vanessa (r) (T) (8406571)

4.10 Judge Judy (r) (T) (43200065)

4.30 ITV Nightscreen (47607)

5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (24268)

5.30 News (36930)

As HTV West except:

2.15am World Football (49084)

2.45 Tales of the Cider County (48355)

3.15 Vanessa (45268)

3.45 Central Jobfinder '98 (315442)

5.20 Asian Eye (1971336)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.24pm-12.25 Westcountry Weather (9699496)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

5.00am Freescreen (24268)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:

4.24pm-4.25 Anglia Air Watch (4623187)

10.44 Anglia Air Watch (961564)

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Starts: **7.00am The Bigger Breakfast** (18748)

9.00 Rocko's Modern Life (31038)

9.30 Saved by the Bell (43361)

10.00 The Secret World of Alex Mack (3905212)

10.40 Moesha (8940090)

11.10 Madison (7821729)

11.40 The Bigger Breakfast (9364670)

12.00pm Right to Reply (11274)

12.30 Sesame Street (54477)

1.00 Slot Meithrin (11205106)

1.15 Miffi (11293361)

1.30 Eisteddfod yr Urdd Llyn ac Eifionydd 1998 Nia Roberts and Owain Gwilym mingle with competitors behind the scenes and present live coverage of this year's Urdd Eisteddfod in Pwllheli (393962)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (390)

4.30 Countdown (274)

5.00 5 Pump (1361)

5.30 Pet Rescue (854)

6.00 Newyddion 6 (690835)

6.05 Heno (196831)

7.00 Pobol y Cwm Something remains distinctly uncertain about Rachel and Llew's marriage, while Teg makes it clear that he is harbouring bad feelings about Steffan (183800)

7.25 Eisteddfod yr Urdd Llyn ac Eifionydd **1998** Shan Cothi presents highlights of the day's most memorable events at the Urdd Eisteddfod (1920699)

8.45 Newyddion (271516)

9.00 Soft Sand, Blue Sea Stephen Butchard's poignant drama set in a children's home about a pair of social workers whose daily struggle with the institution's harsh regime fails to prevent two escapees embarking on a dangerous quest to find the beach. Julia Ford, Laurence Kinlan and Aimee Mulligan star (59455835)

10.55 Let's Get Quizzical Game show out-takes, including rude words on *Countdown* and an unusual round of *Family Fortunes* (729090)

11.30 Political Ambitions Prospective MPs Peter Bone and Phil McCauley awaits the election with tiredness and trepidation, as the pressure of campaigning begins to take its toll (83274)

12.30am NBA 24/7 The latest basketball action from across the pond (2581607)

1.05 Diwedd (30589274)

5.40am Terrytoons (4069293)

5.55 Sesame Street (r) (7028941)

7.00 The Bigger Breakfast (T) (18748)

9.00 Rocko's Modern Life (r) (31038) **9.30** Saved By the Bell (T) (43361) **10.00** Secret World of Alex Mack (3905212) **10.40** Moesha (8940090) **11.10** Madison (7821729)

11.40 The Bigger Breakfast Featuring a chance to win tickets to see the Spice Girls live and a copy of *Spiceworld — the Movie* on video (9364670)

12.00 Sesame Street (11274)

12.30pm Prince of Pirates (1953) FILM Swashbuckling adventure with John Derek and Whitfield Connor. Directed by Sidney Salkow (T) (1191496)

1.55 Racing from Sandown Park the **2.05, 2.35, 3.10** and **3.45** races (79326903)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (390) **4.30** Countdown (T) (1719274) **4.55** Montel Williams: Incredible Survival Stories (T) (6209800) **5.30** Pet Rescue from the RSPCA centre in Leybourne in Kent (T) (450336)

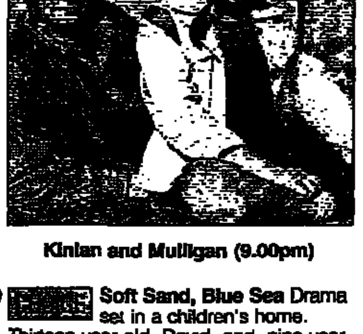
5.55 News and Weather (677449)

6.00 Boy Meets World (T) (767)

6.30 Hollyoaks (T) (449)

7.00 The Mouse that Roared (1959) Witty FILM satire with Peter Sellers in three roles. The world's smallest state wages war against America and wins. Directed by Jack Arnold (T) (58090)

8.30 Wild Britain: Mr Ratty — the Real Story Following a female water vole as she raises her young into a world in which the species faces extinction (T) (9380)



Kinlan and Mulligan (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Soft Sand, Blue Sea** Drama set in a children's home. *Thirteen-year-old David and nine-year-old* Danni embark upon a daring adventure, in search of the beach, to escape conflict and sudden tragedy (T) (59455835)

10.55 Nights out at the Empire (5/6) Stand-up comedy hosted by Junior Simpson (T) (696038)

11.45 Get Up Stand Up! (4/6) A comic look at black culture (T) (425106)

12.15am Jamaica ER (4/4) Three doctors battle to save battered and wounded patients (r) (T) (9229133)

12.50 Deadline 2000 (T) (3809510)

12.55 Babylon 5 (r) (T) (7559648)

1.50 Mission to Moscow (1943, b/w) with FILM Walter Huston. Propagandist version of former US Ambassador Joseph E. Davies's controversial memoirs of the Soviet Union before the Second World War. Directed by Michael Curtiz (79555775)

4.10 The Mikado (1939) Lavish British film FILM version of Gilbert and Sullivan's classic comic opera. Directed by Victor Schertzinger (25133336)

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6.00am 5 News and Sport (3959477)

7.00 WideWorld (r) (T) (3143038) **7.30** Milkshake! (3081212) **7.35** Wimzie's House (r) (7931583) **8.00** Havakazoo (1526274) **8.30** Dappledown Farm (r) (1525545) **9.00** Hercules and the Circle of Fire (2541854)

10.30 Sunset Beach (T) (8234835)

11.10 Leeza (8829699)

12.00 5 News at Noon (T) (1529361) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (4223019) **1.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (3142309) **1.30** Sons and Daughters (4215090) **2.00** Open House with Gloria Hunniford (3820816) **3.00** 100 Per Cent Gold (1507309)

3.30 PT 109 (1968, b/w) with Cliff Robertson, FILM Ty Hardin and Robert Culp. Second World War drama chronicling John F. Kennedy's naval service. Directed by *Leslie H. Martin (4739293)*

6.00 100 Per Cent (2333125)

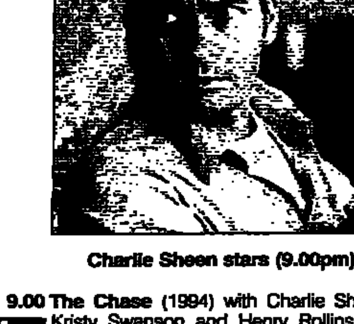
6.30 Family Affairs Duncan wants to avoid Maria (T) (2324477)

7.00 5 News (T) (1582090)

7.30 Realm of the Giant Salamander Wildlife documentary about a group of Japanese scientists who study insects underground (T) (2313361)

8.00 Hot Property Keen golfers search for property in Florida (T) (1508038)

8.30 Family Confidential: When Will I Be Famous The story of a man who will do anything to become famous (1587545)



Charlie Sheen stars (9.00pm)

9.00 The Chase (1994) with Charlie Sheen, FILM Kristy Swanson and Henry Rollins. An escaped convict kidnaps a celebrity and drives for the Mexican border, chased by the police — unaware that the whole episode is being covered live on national television. Directed by Adam Rifkin (99907564)

10.35 Dr Fox's Chart Update (5775583)

10.40 Castaway (1986) with Oliver Reed and FILM Amanda Donohoe. Drama about a middle-aged man who advertises for a young female companion to spend a year on a desert island. Directed by Nicholas Roeg (22003835)

12.55am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine introduced by Shelley Webb and Kevin Day including rugby and extreme sport action (39938133)

4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (1745268)

5.30 100 Per Cent (8777355)

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SKY 1

7.00am Tattooed Teenage Alien Fighters from Beverly Hills (43458) **7.30** Meego (6293) **8.00** Meego (65019) **8.30** Games World (1540458) **8.45** The Simpsons (36651) **9.15** The Simpsons (533564) **9.45** Games World (9872477) **10.00** Another World (51477) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (4941) **12.00** Married with Children (3106) **12.30pm** M*A*S*H (94019) **1.00** Geraldo (62274) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (3038) **3.00** Jenny Jones (92187) **4.00** Oprah (31962) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4090) **6.00** The Nanny (9651) **6.30** Married with Children (6423) **7.00** The Simpsons (2019) **7.30** Real TV (6187) **8.00** Star Trek: Voyager (23545) **9.00** Sliders (309) **10.00** Chicago Hope (46496) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (106) **12.00** Police Rescue (53794) **1.30am** Long Play (6419268)

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SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1

...m What Happened to Santiago? (1989) (84545) **8.00 Tap (1989)** (...0) **10.00 James and the Giant Peach (1996)** (74212) **11.30 Dog's Best Friend (1997)** (19381) **1.00pm Project X** (...) (36670) **3.00 The Pirates of Penzance (1983)** (36922) **5.00 Dog's Best Friend (1997)** (74767) **7.00 James and the Giant Peach (1996)** (94467) **9.00 Dangerous Minds (1995)** (26295767) **... Iron Eagle IV (1995)** (42648813) **...m The Quick and the Dead (1995)** (...5) **2.15 Dare to Love (1995)** (...0) **3.50 Cyberella: Forbidden ...na (1996)** (10205220)

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2

... My Favourite Brunette (1947) (10632) ***10.00 Big Top Pee-Wee (1988)*** (96477) **12.00 Salt Water Moose (1995)** (33583) **2.00pm Rainbow (1996)** (28090) **4.00 Bushwhacked (1995)** (91670) **5.30 Houseguest (1994)** (37767) **8.00 Moby Dick (1997)** (381361) **10.30 Diabolique (1996)** (62780421) **12.20am The Sister-in-Law (1995)** (902084) **1.55 Breaking the Surface (1997)** (504152) **3.30 Terminal Justice (1995)** (743336) **5.05 Off On a Comet (1979)** (3439171)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm The Searchers (1956) (6472564) **6.00 The Karate Kid II (1986)** (5112187) **8.00 Moving (1988)** (5117632) **10.00 The Searchers (1956)** (2423274) **12.00 New Jack City (1991)** (4533959) **1.40am McQ (1974)** (3172510) **3.30 The Bachelor Party (1957)** *(2141997)* ***5.05 Close***

TNT

9.00pm Coma (1978) (35727729) **11.00 Westworld (1973)** (73800075) **12.30am Some Came Running (1958)** (73542404) **3.00 Coma (1978)** (82605355) **5.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1

6.00am Football League Review (39800) **7.00** Superbikes (89274) **9.00** Racing News (13767) **9.30** Aerobics (25090) **10.00** Futbol Mundial (60651) **10.30** Sports Centre: Bank Holiday Special (9045090) **2.00pm** Esprit (6545) **2.30** NFL Europe (291274) **5.00** Ten-Pin Bowling World Masters (9632) **6.00** Sports Centre (6583) **6.30** Survival of the Fittest (7835) **7.00** Cycling *(8831)* **7.30** Live Super League (935106) **10.00** Sports Centre (94632) **10.30** Cycling (28980) **11.00** Ten-Pin Bowling World Masters (64258) **12.00** Sports Centre (37607) **12.30am** Super League (96171) **2.30** Sports Centre (19510) **3.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics (9791274) **7.30** Fastrax (9710309) **8.00** Racing News (2080477). **8.30** Cycling (2089748) **9.00** US Golf: The Colonial (2490496) **12.00** Saturday Fight Night (4171922) **2.00pm** Live Football League (8444748) **6.00** This Week in Baseball (8908075) **6.30** High Five (2203467) **7.00** Watersports World (3943670) **8.00** Football League Review (3930106) **10.00** Survival of the Fittest (2084293) **10.30** Motorcycling (6335651) **11.30** International Bowls (7983748) **1.30am** Sports Centre (3674201) **2.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Ten-Pin Bowling: World Masters (58299212) **1.00pm** Cycling (36199212) **1.30** This Week in Baseball (58286748) **2.00** IndyCar (67946670) **5.00** Superbikes (80629125) **7.00** Fish TV (35733380) **8.00** International Bowls (35720816) **10.00** Sports Classics (35732651) **11.00** Golden Moments of the Olympics (26233274) **11.30** Close

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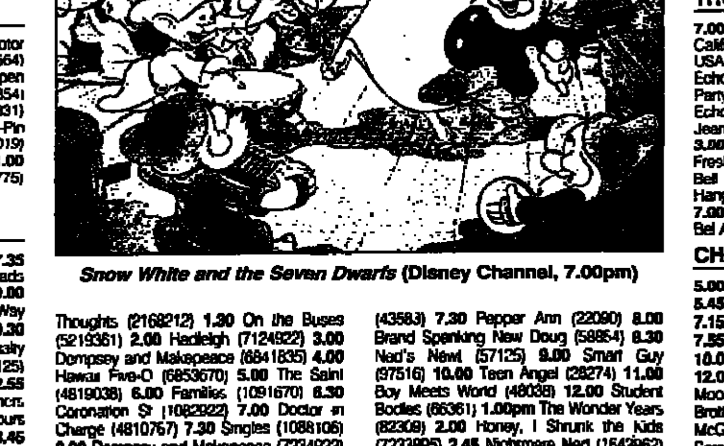
7.30am Funboard (38859) **8.30** Motor Sport (17583) **9.00** Touring Car (51564) **10.00** Live Tennis: French Open (34774583) **3.15pm** Cycling (6553854) **4.00** Live Tennis: French Open (240831) **7.00** Extreme Sports (72835) **8.00** Ten-Pin *Bowling (81583)* ***9.00*** *Football (78019)* **10.00** Tennis: French Open (71106) **11.00** Sailing (94106) **12.00** Boule (22775) **12.30am** Close

UK GOLD

7.00am Never the Twain (5650564) **7.35** Neighbours (7260545) **8.00** Crossroads (3491274) **8.25** EastEnders (7233309) **9.00** The Bill (7072941) **9.30** Howards' Way (2908019) **10.00** Shelley (4054380) **10.30** The Sullivans (7078125) **11.00** Casualty (9148309) **12.00** Crossroads (27563125) **12.25pm** Neighbours (27568212) **12.55** EastEnders (7045908) **1.30** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (7718922) **2.05** Open All Hours (2203212) **2.45** Dangerfield (8140458) **3.45** The Bill (4868496) **4.15** Juliet Bravo (43176854) **5.20** EastEnders (3453038) **5.55** Big Break (2658800) **6.30** The Bill (7538106) **7.00** Last of the Summer Wine (5393496) **7.40** Yes, Minister (5926458) **8.20** May to December (6910057) **9.00** Blackadder Goes Forth (9320922) **9.40** Blackadder the Third (1318854) **10.20** Blackadder II (9509564) **11.00** Blackadder the Third (7001496) **11.40** Blackadder Goes Forth (6446835) **12.15am** Canned Carrott (2636794) **12.50** Between the Lines (7208220) **1.45** The Equalizer (62921610) **3.00** Shopping (4595152)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (3583516) **7.00** El Mysteries and Scandals (2169941) **7.30** *Coronation St (2155748)* ***8.00*** Blind Date (5049212) **9.00** Hadleigh (6569458) **10.00** The Saint (2144632) **11.00** Hawaii Five-O (2164496) **12.00** Coronation St (7561767) **12.30pm** Families (5210090) **1.00** Second Thoughts (2168212) **1.30** On the Buses (5219361) **2.00** Hadleigh (7124922) **3.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (6841835) **4.00** Hawaii Five-O (6853670) **5.00** The Saint (4819038) **6.00** Families (1091670) **6.30** Coronation St (1082922) **7.00** Doctor in Charge (4810767) **7.30** Singles (1088106) **8.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (7234922) ***9.00 Coronation St (6859854)*** **9.30** The New Comedians (5230854) **10.00** The Saint (7224545) **11.00** Granada Men and Motors (9055019)



Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (Disney Channel, 7.00pm)

CARLTON SELECT (CABLE)

5.00pm Blockbusters (52944274) **5.30** Gridlock (57581545) **6.00** Byker Grove (57588458) **6.30** A Country Practice (57502038) **7.00** London Bridge (52964038) **7.30** Desmond's (57591822) **8.00** Birds of a Feather (52940458) **8.30** Tracey Takes On (52952293) **9.00** Frank Stubbs Promotes (35744496) **10.00** Big Sky (35747583) **11.00** St Elsewhere (36181293) **12.00** Pull the Other One (27503274) **12.30am** Relative Strangers (59361688) **1.00** Close

DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Bear in the Big Blue House (99748) **6.30** Jungle Cubs (15944) **7.00** Recess (43583) **7.30** Pepper Ann (22090) **8.00** Brand Spanking New Doug (58854) **8.30** Ned's Newt (57125) **9.00** Smart Guy (97516) **10.00** Teen Angel (28274) **11.00** Boy Meets World (48038) **12.00** Student Bodies (66361) **1.00pm** The Wonder Years (82309) **2.00** Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (7233895) **2.45** Nightmare Ned (1642962) ***3.00*** *Timon and Pumbaa (8090)* **3.30** *Brand* Spanking New Doug (5019) **4.00** Pepper Ann (7854) **4.30** Recess (3038) **5.00** Smart Guy (7535) **5.30** Student Bodies (7080) **6.00** Teen Angel (4903) **6.30** Boy Meets World (8583) **7.00 FILM: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (1937)** (83mins) (77729) **8.30** The Wonder Years (8854) **9.00** Touched by an Angel (18651) **10.00** Close

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Power Rangers Turbo (4205090) **7.00** Spiderman (3289699) **8.00** Beetleborgs Metallix (3157800) **9.00** The Incredible Hulk (1320372) **10.00** Goosebumps (2715944) **11.00** Sam and Max (1169800) **12.00** The Tick (1460545) **1.00pm** Donkey Kong Country (1479293) **2.00** Ace Ventura (2293545) **3.00** Casper (5605106) **4.00** Mortal Kombat (5617941) **5.00** Goosebumps (6760632) **6.00** Eerie, Indianna (1466729) **7.00** Close

CARTOON NETWORK

All your favourite cartoons broadcast from **5.00am** to **9.00pm**, seven days a week.

NICKELODEON

6am to 7pm Watch Your Own Week on Nickelodeon for just one week. Which will be the most popular cartoon characters with viewers?

TROUBLE

7.00am Batman **7.30** Earthworm Jim **8.00** California Dreams **8.30** Hang Time **9.00** USA High **9.30** Heartbreak High **10.30** Echo Point **11.00** Smash Hits Poll Winners' Party 97 **12.30pm** Heartbreak High **1.30** Echo Point **2.00** Hollyoaks **2.30** It's In the Jeans **2.45** Teenage Urban Adventurers ***3.00*** *Sweat* **3.30** *California Dreams* **4.00** Fresh Prince of Bel Air **4.30** Saved By the Bell **5.00** Hollyoaks **5.30** USA High **6.00** Hang Time **6.30** Bangs **6.45** On the Make **7.00** Saved By the Bell **7.30** Fresh Prince of Bel Air **8.00** Close

CHALLENGE TV

5.00pm Crosswits **5.30** Family Days Out **5.45** Family Fortunes **6.30** Catchphrase **7.15** Fifteen-to-One **7.45** Family Days Out **7.55** The Crystal Maze **9.15** Strike It Lucky **10.00** 3-2-1 **11.15** Sticky Moments On Tour **12.00** Sale of the Century **12.30am** Moonlighting **1.30** The Fall Guy **2.30** Big Brother Jake **3.00** Snowy River: The McGregor Saga **4.00** The Big Valley **5.00** Screenshop

BRAVO

8.00pm A-Team (9310212) **9.00** Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (8957106) **9.30** Cops (2917767) **10.00** The Basement (1353748) **10.15** Bravo's Briefs (1341903) **10.30** Red Shoe Diaries (7064922) **11.00 FILM: House III — The Horror Story (1987)** (6382922) **1.00am** Beverly Hills Bordello (7928355) **1.30** Red Shoe Diaries (6266930) **2.00** Real Stories of Highway Patrol (6146133) **2.30** Cops (6165268) **3.00 FILM: Emmanuelle IV (1984)** (6670897) **5.00** A-Team (5998152)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Cosby (8903) **7.30** Roseanne (4361) **8.00** Grace Under Fire (7651) **8.30** Caroline in the City (3458) **9.00** Cybill (48380) **9.30** Ellen (47212) **10.00** Frasier (92274) **10.30** Cheers (28962) **11.00** Monty Python's Flying Circus (50125) **11.30** In Bed with MeDinner (64477) **12.00** Nurses (35249) **12.30am** It's Garry Shandling's Show (80201) **1.00** Frasier (11317) **1.30** Cheers (59065) **2.00** Caroline in the City (32107) **2.30** In Bed with MeDinner (17152) **3.00** Roseanne (24881) **3.30** Cybill (82684)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Quantum Leap (3959748) **9.00** PSI Factor: Chronicles of the Paranormal (3962212) **10.00** Space (7072477) **12.00** Sightings (1833539) **1.00am** The Tomorrow People: The Doomsday Men (7001713) **1.30** Flash Gordon's Trip to Mars (2186510) **2.00** Friday the 13th (9952317) **3.00** Tales of the Unexpected (7098249) **3.30** Dark Shadows (7531065) **4.00** Close

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am The House (7070583) **9.30** The House (2999361) **10.00** The House (4052922) **10.30** The House (7076767) **11.00** The House (8940816) **11.30** The House (8941545) **12.00** The House (7067019) **12.30pm** The House (2900477) **1.00** These Four Walls (2998632) **2.00** These Four Walls (4053651) **3.00** These Four Walls (8945361) **4.00** Close

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Rex Hunt's Fishing World (7535019) **4.30** Bush Tucker Man (7524903) **5.00** First Flights (8462019) **5.30** Time Travellers (7548583) **6.00** Animal Doctor (7545496) **6.30** Scorpion (8252941) **7.30** Disaster (7525832) **8.00** Ancient Warriors (8451903) **8.30** Bush Tucker Man (8470038) **9.00** Lonely Planet (9303922) **10.00** Shipwreck (9313309) **11.00** Seadan (9127816) **12.00** First Flights (9277591) **12.30am** Disaster (5206201) **1.00** Extreme Machines (7016201) **2.00** Close

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7.00pm Fighting for Animals (6761361) **7.30** Water Witches (8209449) **8.00** The Osprey and the Whale (8416835) **9.00** Worlds Apart (5613125) **9.30** Extreme Earth (1481274) **10.00** The Amazon Warrior (8406458) **11.00** Strange Creatures of the Night (1365403) **12.00** Rage Over Trees (3143607) **1.00am** Close

TRAVEL (CABLE)

12.00 Travel Trails **12.30pm** The Wonderful World Of Tom **1.00** Pathfinders **1.30** The Food Lover's Guide To Australia **2.00** On Tour **2.30** Tales From The Flying Sofa **3.00** Destinations **4.00** Guadeloupe **4.30** Bruce's American Postcards **5.00** Pathfinders **5.30** A Fork In The Road **6.00** *The Food* Lover's Guide To Australia **6.30** On Tour **7.00** Travel Trails **7.30** The Wonderful World Of Tom **8.00** Go Portugal **8.30** The Flavours Of France **9.00** Of Tales And Travels **10.00** Tales From The Flying Sofa **10.30** Floyd On Spain **11.00** Destinations **12.00** Close

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Air Power (8027274) **5.00** The Conquest of Everest (9633903) **6.00** Ancient Mysteries (8571496) **7.00** Legends of the Isles (9634632) **7.30** Edward Windsor Presents: Crown and Country (3972201)

CARLTON FOOD (CABLE)

9.00am Food Network Daily **9.30** Food for Thought **10.00** Dilly Dines Out **10.30** What's Cooking? **11.00** Worrall Thompson Cooks **11.30** Graham Kerr's Kitchen **12.00** Food Network Daily **12.30pm** First Taste **1.00** Food for Thought **1.30** A Taste of England **2.00** Tessa Bramley's Seasonal Kitchen **2.30** Food Network Daily **3.00** Surprise Chefs **3.30** Worrall Thompson Cooks **4.00** Ross's Foreign Assignment **4.30** Graham Kerr's Kitchen **5.00** Close

LIVING

6.00am Tiny Living (1174583) **9.00** Rolonda (4185583) **9.50** Ready, Steady, Cook (8032545) **10.30** The Young and the Restless (8447039) **11.20** Brookside (55716125) **11.50** Jimmy's (89084380) **12.20pm** Living Issues (41308390) **12.50** Rescue 911 (3009274) **1.25** Hart to Hart (1335187) **2.20** *Living It Up! (1864800)* **3.20** Rolonda (8189583) **4.10** Tempest (8994922) **5.00** The Heat Is On (6471835) **5.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (3484458) **6.10** Jerry Springer (1617632) **7.00** Rescue 911 (6491699) **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (3204816) **8.00** Adrenalin Junkies (5111458) **9.00 FILM: There Are No Children Here (1993)** (143mins) (19122800) **11.05** Jerry Springer After Hours (9584598) **12.00** Close

ZEE TV

6.30am Maaslya Di Raat **7.00** Jaagran **7.30** Ru Ba Ru **8.00** News **8.30** Bunyaad **9.00 FILM 11.30** Kurukshetra **12.00 FILM 3.00pm** Adhikar **3.30** Parampara **4.00** Campus **4.30** Ikke Pe Ikka **5.00** Pop Kom **5.30** Ladkiwale Ladkewale **6.00** Banegi Apni Baat **6.30** Geet Gaata Chal **7.00** Chutki Baja Ke **7.30** It's My Choice **8.00** News **8.30** Sailaab **9.00 FILM 12.00** Close



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Top Tory says Revenue is 'out of control' in bonds row

BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

THE SHADOW chief secretary to the Treasury has branded the Inland Revenue as "out of control" and of trying to circumvent the will of Parliament.

David Heathcoat-Amory's accusations come amid growing controversy over the Inland Revenue's plans to clamp down on specialist offshore insurance bonds.

Up to 3,500 people could see their retirement savings swept away under a Budget proposal to impose a punitive rate of tax on their investments.

Portfolio bonds have been bought by expatriate workers as substitute pension plans for decades. As British residents overseas they have been unable to contribute to UK pensions, which benefit from generous tax relief. As with other insurance policies, assets held in portfolio bonds have been able to grow tax-free until they are withdrawn.

However, the Inland Revenue believes portfolio bonds, which have the freedom to hold shares as well as investment funds, are tax avoidance. Under clause 87 of the Finance Bill, it intends to tax the bonds on a notional annual rate of growth of 15 per cent, whether or not the bonds achieve such growth.

Insurers and bondholders have accused the Inland Revenue of ignoring a landmark ruling by the House of Lords last year which ended a bitter seven-year legal struggle after a previous attempt by the Revenue to tax bondholders. Insurers have threatened to take the Government to the European Court of Human Rights.

In his judgment last July, Lord Nolan defined the differences between ordinary bonds, which hold funds, and personal bonds, which can hold shares, as having "nothing to do with tax or tax avoidance. I can see no reason why Parliament should have intended to distinguish between them in fiscal terms". He also referred to the "fallacy" at the heart of the Revenue's case. However, in background notes to help MPs assess the Finance Bill, the Inland Revenue is adamant that personal portfolio bonds are a form of tax avoidance and states merely that "the House of Lords found against the Revenue on a narrow point".

Mr Heathcoat-Amory said: "I think the Inland Revenue is out of control on this. Ministers are there not to do just what the Inland Revenue wants but to step back and take a balanced view.

"They are defying the highest court in the land and, what is worse, they are doing it retrospectively. All the bonds will have to be effectively cashed in, which means investors will have to pay huge sums in capital gains tax.

"The intention of Parliament is being circumvented. When Parliament passed the relevant part of the Taxes Act they did not intend this."

The clause will be debated in committee next week.

Abbey chief sees no future in mortgages

BY RICHARD MILES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE chief executive of Abbey National, the UK's second-biggest lender, believes that there is "no long-term future in the mortgage market" for the bank.

Abbey National's share of net new mortgage lending is dwindling and the chief executive, Ian Harley, says that Abbey must continue its programme of diversification into more profitable areas of financial services.

Abbey already derives nearly 50 per cent of its profits from non-traditional businesses, but Mr Harley wants to lessen further the bank's reliance on mortgages and savings. With the mortgage market expected to grow at just 5 per cent each year, he has set a new target of obtaining 65 per cent of profits from other business lines within the next five years.

Mr Harley also told *The Times* that Abbey was unlikely ever again to attract as much new mortgage business as its historical share of the market would suggest. He expects the bank to claim a market share of new lending of between 5 and 10 per cent, compared with a 14 per cent share of outstanding mortgages.

"It is counterintuitive to think we are going to do our share of stock lending," said Mr Harley. He added that Abbey had to continue diversifying into markets with stronger rates of growth, and in which competition is weaker. He said that Abbey already "punched above its weight" in life and pensions, which it entered in 1991 with the acquisition of Scottish Mutual.

His comments come at a time when all the big lenders with a listing on the stock market are witnessing a fall-off in new mortgage business. Halifax, the biggest lender, providing one in five of all mortgages, recently warned the City that its market share was unlikely to be more than 5 per cent this year.

New borrowers are instead going to the remaining mutual lenders, such as the Nationwide Building Society, which argue that they can offer lower rates of interest on their mortgages because they do not have to pay dividends. However, some City analysts doubt whether the huge discounting in the market is sustainable for much longer.

Observers also say that the mortgage market is beginning to polarise. Most borrowers are choosing their lender purely on the headline rate, a development that is fast turning this sector of the market into a commodity business. Other borrowers are prepared to pay higher rates for more flexible products and better service. It is this latter market that Abbey hopes to dominate.

Abbey's other challenge is to hold on to its existing mortgage customers. Whereas, historically, borrowers have stuck with the same lender for 25 years, these days they stay an average of just seven years. Redemptions helped to reduce Abbey's net new lending in the first quarter of 1997 to zero, before its market share bounced back at the end of the year, thanks largely to the inclusion of figures from National & Provincial, the building society it acquired in 1995.

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Lord Lloyd-Webber aims to keep control of his Really Useful Group, in spite of Seagram's right to raise its stake

Seagram in Really Useful position

BY CHRIS AYRES

THE FUTURE of Lord Lloyd-Webber's Really Useful Group looked increasingly uncertain yesterday as it emerged that Seagram, the Canadian drinks and entertainment group, owns the right to take a controlling stake in the theatre tycoon's company.

Seagram acquired the right from PolyGram, the Dutch entertainment group it bought for $10.6 billion (£6.5 billion) last week. PolyGram purchased 30 per cent of Really Useful in 1991 for $110 million. The deal also gave PolyGram an option to increase its stake to 51 per cent in 2003.

Seagram has yet to decide the future of its stake in Really Useful, in spite of Lord Lloyd-Webber yesterday saying that he is determined to keep control of the business.

Rumours persist that Michael Ovitz, the former president of Walt Disney, is interested in bidding for Really Useful. However, Lord Lloyd-Webber has the first right to buy PolyGram's stake in Really Useful if it is put up for sale, making it hard for Mr Ovitz to bid.

Sources close to Lord Lloyd-Webber said that he would probably leave the company if Seagram took control, describing it as a "nightmare scenario". This would still leave Seagram with valuable rights to shows such as *Cats* and *Phantom of the Opera*, although managing the business would be difficult without the composer's co-operation.

Lord Lloyd-Webber said: "Far from wanting to dilute my involvement, I am eager to acquire the PolyGram minority shareholding if that is available to me, and indeed formally made such an offer to PolyGram before Seagram's involvement."

Fear of Panel prompted Springer

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

AXEL SPRINGER was forced to make its surprise statement on Friday that it was considering a bid for the Mirror Group because it feared intervention by the Takeover Panel.

Sunday newspaper reports that David Montgomery, chief executive of Mirror, had been negotiating with Gus Fischer, chairman and chief executive of the German publisher, over the weekend, appear to be untrue.

The German group's announcement, which contradicted earlier denials from Springer, is designed to keep its options open. Had its denial stood it would be unable to bid for 12 months, unless circumstances changed dramatically.

At the only recent meeting between Mr Fischer, a former chief executive of News International, and Mr Montgomery, it is believed Mr Fischer did little more than explain his ambitions to internationalise Axel Springer, whose popular *Bild Zeitung* is closely modelled on the post-War *Daily Mirror*.

Although Springer has clearly been looking at Mirror, together with other media groups in the UK, continental Europe and the US, and a bid has not been ruled out, there is little sign of one being prepared. The conservative Springer group is unlikely to be interested in a hostile takeover. Mr Fischer has to work within a framework that will retain Mrs Friede Springer's 50 per cent, plus one share stake in the company.

Maternity rights put directors off hiring women

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

BRITAIN'S bosses reckon that the right to maternity leave makes women less attractive as employees.

Members of the Institute of Directors voiced "significant frustration and concern" in two recent surveys on maternity regulations and benefits. Some 45 per cent of respondents felt that current regulations made women of child-bearing age less appealing employment prospects.

One IoD member stated: "Maternity rights are a disincentive to hiring women."

Although an overwhelming 80 per cent of respondents to the first survey said that women should be entitled to maternity pay, employers expressed concern about the burden of regulation. Some 67 per cent said that they were familiar with the regulations, but only 37 per cent said that the law was easy to understand.

The follow-up survey found more than 50 per cent calling for changes to regulations, from simplification to outright abolition. The IoD claimed yesterday that the survey demonstrated how regulations, however well-intentioned, could backfire on certain groups of employees. The IOD, has some 56,000, members, many in the small-business sector.

Ruth Lea, head of the Institute's policy unit, said the surveys offered a clear warning. She said: "If regulations are made even more burdensome, then employers will be even more reluctant to employ these women."

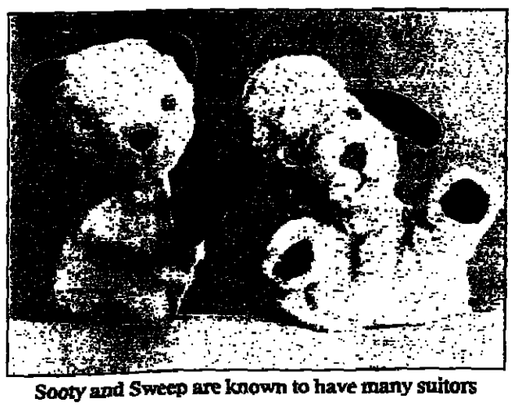
Shake-up threatens ICA jobs

JOBS are under threat at the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICA) which is embarking on a wide-ranging restructuring (Jon Ashworth writes).

John Collier, who has been appointed to the new post of secretary general, is seeking a new management style which will be less hierarchical and based on teams. He said: "The institute has to change if we are to continue to hold the position as the premier professional accounting body in Western Europe."

Job losses appear inevitable at the ICA, which employs 300 in Milton Keynes and 200 at Moorgate Place, Central London. While no decisions have been taken, Mr Collier said: "We probably need to do fewer things better. We need to raise standards. Where things are done less well, we need to ask: do we need to do them at all? I'm not saying we need to cut 100 out of the headcount."

City keeps hold of Sooty

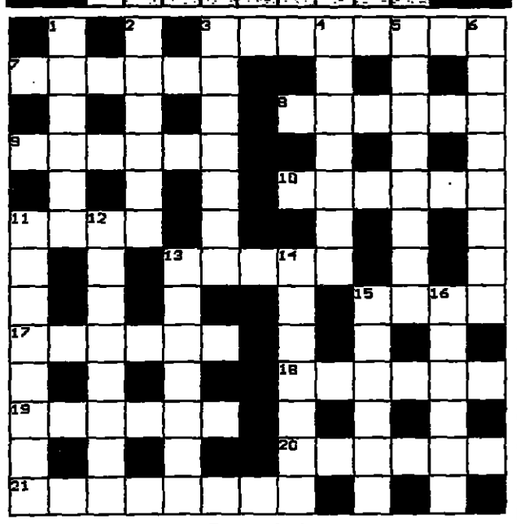


Sooty and Sweep are known to have many suitors

SOOTY and his friends, Sweep and Sue, are to remain in the City (Raymond Snoddy writes). Suitors for the famous glove puppets are said to be legion, including Britt Allcroft, HIT Entertainment and VCI, but Gordon Power of ProVen Private Equity, which bought the rights from Guinness Mahon, will not sell "short of an offer he cannot refuse".

He concedes that Sooty is "a very British bear" but one with international ambitions. "Sooty has already popped up in Texas in cowboy gear," says Mr Power. Power's next big target is children's television character Basil Brush.

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No 1414

ACROSS
3 Town where Jesus grew up (8)
7 Adjust: sounds like *a melody* (6)
8 A sweet; nonsense (6)
9 Sharply stylish (clothes) *(slang)* (6)
10 Overwhelm with light (6)
11 Stare steadily (4)
13 *Instant, flash* (5)
15 Harmful insect (4)
17 Sharp double bend (6)
18 Showy type of rhododendron (6)
19 Food store (6)
20 Rub gently with nose (6)
21 Set off (bomb) (8)

DOWN
1 Verse of poem (6)
2 Eat like pig (6)
3 January 1 (3,4)
4 To hero-worship (7)
5 Steal employer's funds (8)
6 French Protestant (8)
11 Greying; cried fretfully (8)
12 (Babylonian) stepped pyramid (8)
13 Exchange (old for new) (5,2)
14 Paul —, post-impressionist (7)
15 Italian square (6)
16 Fitting, proper (6)

SOLUTION TO NO 1413
ACROSS: 1 Bombshell 6 Sop 8 Scrum 9 Cistern 10 Favour 12 Samba 13 Patter 14 Bright 17 Lotus 19 Newton 21 Confess 22 Banjo 23 Née 24 Pineapple
DOWN: 1 Bask 2 Mordant 3 Sam 4 Encore 5 Last straw 6 Steam 7 Pendant 11 Oversleep 13 Pelican 15 Grown-up 16 Unison 18 Tinge 20 Bone 22 Boa

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ACROSS:1 In depth 5 Besides 9 Substandard 15 Friday the Thirteenth 16 Nagging 17 Not with it 18 Lighter 19 Avertable 20 Thoughtlessness 21 Matrilinear 22 Sideshow 24 Micronesia 27 Tremolo 30 Moment 32 Do as you would be done by 37 Loutish 38 Torpedo 40 Incriminate 41 Cholesterol 42 Trident 43 Handier 45 The straight and narrow 47 Ganges 49 Hemline 51 Transcript 54 Newsreel 57 Expeditious 60 Destalinisation 62 Turnstone 63 Geordie 64 Avalanche 65 Reproof 66 Sweep under the carpet 67 Agelessness 68 Re-enter 69 Totally

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